**Snowflake Bentley**

William Bentley loved snow more than anything else. Willie decided he must find a way to save snowflakes so others could see their intricate designs. When he was sixteen, he read of a camera with its own microscope. “If I could have that camera, I could photograph snowflakes,” he told his mother. His father and mother spent their savings and bought the camera for Willie.

Willie photographed snowflakes every winter inside a shed door. He waited for hours for just the right crystal. If the shed were warm the snow would melt. If he twitched a muscle as he held the snow crystal on a long wooden pick, the snowflake would break.

The little farmer came to be known as the world’s expert on snow, “the Snowflake Man.” But he never grew rich. He spent every penny on his pictures. Willie said there were delicate treasures in the snow.

“I can’t afford to miss a single snowstorm,” he told a friend. “I never know when I will find some wonderful prize.”

Other scientists raised money so Willie could gather his best photographs in a book. When he was sixty-six years old, Willie’s book – his gift to the world – was published.

Day 1:

Read this passage for fluency. (Whole group)

Read this passage with a friend. Look for the words from the Snowflake Bentleytext talk in the passage. Underline the words.

Power Point focus word today: intricate

Day 2:

Re-read the passage for fluency.

Power Point focus word for today: delicate

Day 3:

Re-read the passage for fluency.

Power Point focus word for today: twitched

Day 4:

Open response.

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| **READING OPEN-RESPONSE ITEM A** |

**William Bentley’s goal was to share pictures of snowflakes with the world. After reading this passage, list three things Willie did to reach his goal. Give evidence from the passage to support your answer.**

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| **RUBRIC FOR READING OPEN RESPONSE A** |

1. **William Bentley’s goal was to share pictures of snowflakes with the world. After reading this passage, list three things Willie did to reach his goal.** **Give evidence from the passage to support your answer.**

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| **Score** | **Description** |
| **4** | Student lists all three ways with evidence to support answer from the passage. |
| **3** | One or two ways, with evidence |
| **2** | One way **with evidence**, or two or three ways **without evidence** |
| **1** | Student listed one way, with no evidence |
| **0** | The response is totally incorrect or irrelevant. There is no evidence that the student understood the steps William took to achieve his goal. |
| **B** | Blank—No Response. (No attempt to answer the item. Score of “0” assigned for the item.) |