

# **FSA Exemplars**

## **Grade 7 Short Writing**

## Writing Topic

### “Winter Wonders”

Think about the personalities, qualities and characteristics of the two people you have just read about.

In your opinion, are Eva and Bentley **more alike** or **more different**?

Write **persuasively** to **convince** the reader about your opinion.

Your writing should be about **two** or **three** paragraphs.

### Criteria (Persuasive Writing)

Make sure your writing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• clearly states your point of view and gives details to persuade your readers	<input type="checkbox"/>
• has clear language, descriptive words, and a variety of sentence lengths	<input type="checkbox"/>
• has a strong introduction, convincing reasons, and a clear conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>
• has complete sentences and has correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, and paragraph structure	<input type="checkbox"/>
• is revised and edited	<input type="checkbox"/>

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 1

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I think that ~~there are different~~  
Eva and Bentley are different because  
Eva lives in ~~a~~ ~~ge~~ a <sup>Quebec</sup> ~~city~~ and Bentley  
lives in Jericho ~~there are different~~ because  
how are they friends,

How are Eva and Bentley friends  
They live on ~~sepr~~ ~~et~~ ~~side~~ ~~s~~ of the  
world.

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 2

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I think Eva and Bently are kinda the same because they both like winter and snow. They are different because they don't take pictures but other than that they're the same. I think they're alike and that's why.

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 3

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→ In this persuasive writing, I ~~tell~~ will tell you about  
~~Eva and Bentley~~  
Eva and Bentley differences.

Eva has a different ~~cutted~~ way of doing  
things. It took Bentley a very long time to find the  
right snowflake and it did not take long for  
Eva to walk under the sea. Eva was Canadian  
and Bentley was not.

<sup>These</sup>~~There~~ are some differences in the story of  
Eva and Bentley.

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 4

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I think that Eva and Bently are alike. They both enjoy winter. They both like to spend time alone.

When Bently wanted to take a picture of snowflakes he figured out a way. I think Eva was also very smart in knowing where to cut the hole in the ice.

In many ways Eva and Bently are the same. They both

like a lot of the same things.  
I also think their personalities  
are the same, when they want  
to do something they set their  
minds to it.

I personally think they are  
alike, for many reasons I have  
shared. What do you think?

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 5

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In my opinion, I think Eva Padlyat and Snowflake Bentley are more different than alike.

Snowflake Bentley loves snow and snowflakes. Eva Padlyat doesn't really enjoy the snow as much as Snowflake Bentley does. She might live with snow all around her, but I don't think she loves it! Snowflake really loves the snow. He loves snowflakes also while he loves it, Eva's just not that into

it

So, as you can see, I personally  
think Eva and Snowflake are different.  
One enjoys snow, and one not  
so much!

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 6

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I think Eva and Bentley are more alike than different for a few reasons. Well first of all I think that they are alike because in the passage they both had to do something with snow. Bentley studied snow flakes and Eva walked on the bottom of the ocean when everything was frozen and covered with snow. Bentley and Eva are also alike because where they live has snow. Eva lives in Quebec and Bentley lives in Vermont. The two of them are also alike because of the things that they do, it can be their work, but they can also do it for fun.

Eva and Bentley can also be different in many ways, ~~but~~ but I think they're more alike.

So in my conclusion I believe that Bentley and Eva are more alike in ways than they are different.

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 7

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My personal opinion is that Eva and Bentley are more different. I don't have much knowledge on either of the two but from what I have read, I think that Eva is more adventurous and Bentley is more introversial.

The reasons I think Eva seems adventurous is because she was excited to do something new and interesting, she had the desire to experience something very unique.

I think Bentley is very introvesial, quiet, intellectual, and just very peaceful. I think

he really appreciates small details and enjoys observing things.

The characters are very different individuals. They thrive on different things. I don't know how they could be alike. One is very daring and wants big adventures. The other enjoys the smaller details.

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 8

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I think Eva and Bentley are alike, because of their personality and their actions. Eva and Bentley both are careful, because in the text, Eva was careful, so that she wouldn't forget how long she's been down, and tide could catch her, and Bentley was careful not to ruin the snowflakes. They're both curious. Eva was curious about underwater, and Bentley was curious about snowflakes. They are good at observing. Eva observed well, and she found a good place to collect mussels, and Bentley also observed well, and he found out that no snowflakes contains the same form. They both like to work

individually. Eva wanted to go alone to get mussels, and Bentley  
worked by himself on studying the snowflakes. So because  
of these events, I believed that Eva and Bentley are  
 alike.

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I think that Eva and Snowflake Bentley are alike in multiple ways. Eva and Snowflake Bentley both find a beauty and interest in nature. Both Eva and Snowflake Bentley have nature providing for them. Eva goes under the ice to look for mussel shells, so she can feed herself and family. Snowflake Bentley had a great interest in snowflakes, so he caught them and took pictures of them. The pictures Snowflake Bentley took gave him fame. Eva and Snowflake Bentley used special tools to get what they needed.

Snowflake Bentley used microscopes and caught the

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Snowflakes on black trays. Then Snowflake Bentley  
took pictures of them with a photomicrograph  
camera. Eva used a chisel to make a hole in  
the ice so she could get under. Eva needs  
a candle for light and uses pins to put the  
mussel shells in. Snowflake Bentley<sup>and Eva</sup> both share  
what they find with people. Snowflake Bentley  
gave his pictures to jewelry companies and other  
metal workers, and Eva shared with her family. That is  
my opinion on why Eva and Snowflake Bentley are  
alike.

Score

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I think Eva and Bentley are similar in some ways,  
but are more different than they are the same. Bentley  
did his snowflake collecting for his whole life, while  
Eva only did the sled walking once. ~~Over~~ <sup>Over</sup> many  
years Bentley developed a technique, but Eva learned  
~~from her parents and~~  
from her parents and other family ~~for~~ <sup>members</sup>. While  
Eva collected mussels to feed her family Bentley  
collected snowflakes for the joy of it, and even though  
Bentley made some money he ~~did~~ <sup>did</sup> it purely for joy.  
~~That is why I think Bentley and Eva are more different.~~

Even though Eva enjoyed her first time alone walking on the sea floor, Bentley ~~also~~<sup>always</sup> loved collecting snowflakes from when he was young to when he grew old and passed away. When Eva went to the seafloor she did enjoy being ~~on~~<sup>on the</sup> seafloor, but she actually only went down for the mussels, but then she had enjoyed her extra time while Bentley enjoyed the whole experience of collecting snowflakes. That is why I ~~think~~<sup>think</sup> that Eva and Bentley are more different ~~than~~<sup>than</sup> the same.

Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 11

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In the stories ‘The Very Last First,’ and  
‘Snowflake Bentley,’ Eva and Bentley are very  
much alike. If you read between the lines, you  
will see their true personalities.

You can tell right off the bat that  
both Eva and Bentley are curious. Eva likes  
to go down under the ice and explore. Bentley  
likes to examine snowflakes to see their patterns.

They are both intrigued by the beautiful things  
nature brings. Though both characters admire different ~~things~~  
objects.

Eva likes to look at things under water, while Bentley

~~examines~~ snowflakes. They both enjoy nature. They are  
inspects

also adventurous. Even though they don't go on big

adventures in the story, they would love to visit

far away places and try new things. They would love <sup>just</sup>

to explore new places and study new things.

As you can see, Eva and Bentley are very much

alike. It may be hard to notice at first, but all

you have to do is read between the lines.

## Grade 7 Short Writing – Exemplar # 12

### Writing Topic “Winter Wonders”

Eva Padlyat is a young Inuit girl that has just gone under-ice mussel collecting alone for the first time. Wilson Alwyn Bentley or “Snowflake Bentley” is a mildly famous photographer that specializes in taking pictures of magnified snowflakes. I believe that although at a first glance these two people may seem very different, they are very similar in many aspects. These are two ordinary people that do extraordinary things when snow blankets the ground and the frozen lakes glisten in the sunlight.

One quite apparent similarity of the fore-mentioned pair is that they are both fascinated with the world around them during winter. They also both leave an impression of being quite intelligent and thoroughly enjoy what they do. Both, in a way are quite daring, Bentley with examining his snowflakes and Eva, tunneling under the ice with the tide looming over her head as she collects mussels. They were both determined to finish what they had started.

In these ways and many more Eva and Snowflake are very similar. When you look hard enough many people have similarities like these and exploiting them is how our advanced social networks grow and thrive. I believe if Eva and Snowflake ever met they could have been close friends that enjoy hearing about each others work. Eva Padlyat and Wilson Alwyn Bentley are winter wonders.