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Your great grandpa
sounds like a real
impressive guy - always
willing to share his
talents and help others.
I am going to try his
lesson of taking some
words out of the dictionary
and using them every
day.
You did a great job!

My great grandpa was born on July 16th, 1909. When he was born there was only one phone for the whole town. He was a very adventurous person. One day he was on a hike and found a skunk, so he picked up a stick and poked it. He brought the stick to school and they had to let school out early because it stunk so bad.

He is one of 9 children. His parents are named William and Sarah Sanders. He read the dictionary from cover to cover and always learned new words. Whenever he would go to work, he would write 2 or 3 new words on his paper lunch sack. He is very good at writing poems. He is a very good storyteller. Some of the poems are known as "Barefoot Boy", "The Outhouse", and "The Saturday Night Bath". He sold some of his poems at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum in Cedar City, and Lin's Market in Hurricane.

One day he went to a mineral cave by the hot springs, it was between Hurricane and LaVerkin. He had some matches for light. When he was walking in the cave he found Native American bowls. But then his last match burned out. It was pitch black. He didn't know what to do so he walked alongside the walls. After walking for a while he couldn't find his way out. So all he could think of was to drop down to his knees and pray. He asked Heavenly Father to help him find a way out. When he opened his eyes he saw a faint glimmer of light which helped him find his way safely out of the cave.

He worked with the Sons and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and Boy Scouts to make plaques for the Hurricane Heritage Park. He loved learning about history. In 1954 he worked in the Hurricane City Council as a counselor.

My great grandpa was in the Hurricane Valley Magazine. His family was one of the first 13 families to form the first LaVerkin Ward. They became the center of the town. He died on December 24th 2001. My great grandpa is a really smart and intelligent person. I chose him because he is a good example to me.