

Read the poem by Robert Frost, and then answer the questions on the next page.

## The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could

5 To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there

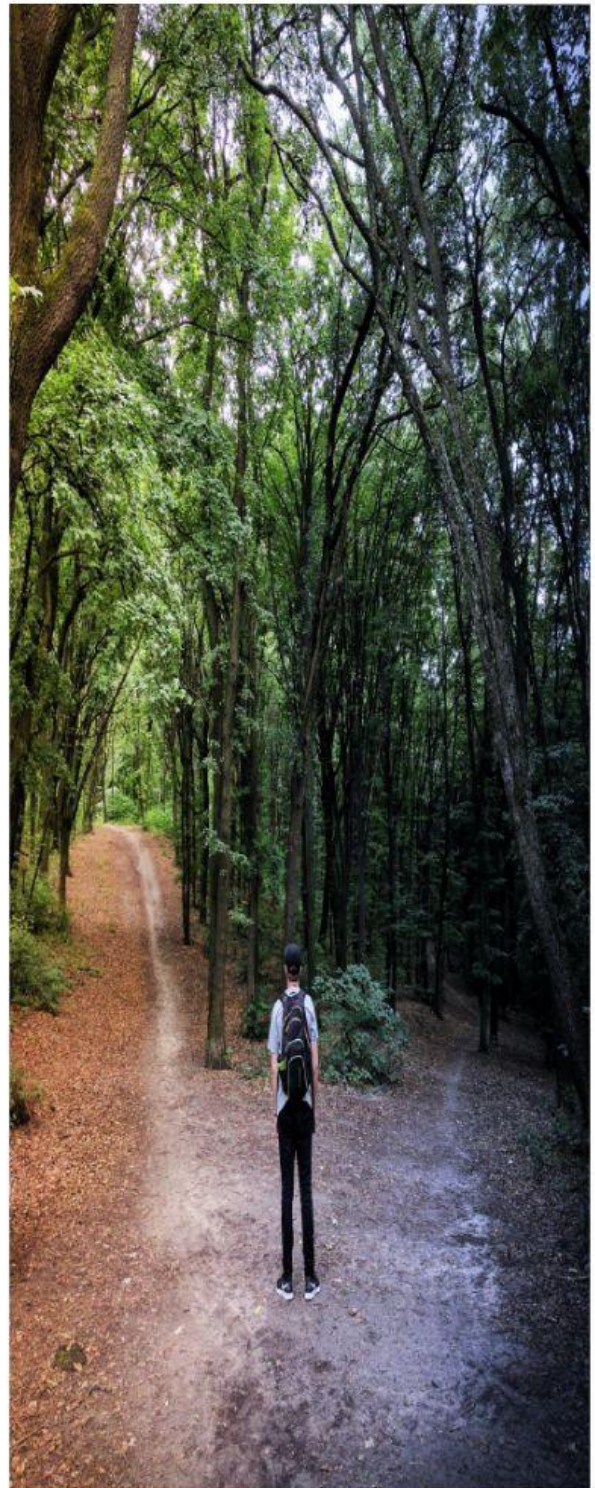
10 Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,

15 I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,

20 And that has made all the difference.



- I. **DIRECTIONS:** Answer the following questions about “The Road Not Taken.”  
Write your answer in the space provided.

\_\_\_1. What is happening in this poem?

- A. The speaker is lost in the woods.
- B. The speaker is choosing a road to travel on.
- C. The speaker is going back to a favorite place.
- D. The speaker is growing older and less able to travel.

\_\_\_2. What does “wanted wear” mean in line 8?

- A. The road is covered in leaves.
- B. The road looks dirty and unsafe.
- C. The road hasn’t been used very much.
- D. The road is shorter than the other one.

\_\_\_3. Which word best describes the tone of this poem?

- A. Playful
- B. Reflective
- C. Gloomy
- D. Angry

5. Write words and phrases in the poem that set the tone by showing the speaker’s feelings.

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6. Describe the two roads, using words or phrases from the text.

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7. How does the speaker feel about his choice in the beginning of the poem?

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8. How does he feel about it in the end? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

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**9. Use the following words to match its meaning in the poem.**

undergrowth	diverged	trodden	hence
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a. walked upon- \_\_\_\_\_

b. from this time- \_\_\_\_\_

c. small plants beneath trees- \_\_\_\_\_

d. moved in different directions- \_\_\_\_\_

**10. This poem is about how choices can change your life. What is a choice you have made that has changed your life? Describe your choice and the outcome below.**