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READING ACTIVITY

APPLY WHAT YOU READ

INSTRUCTION:

READ THE POEM THOROUGHLY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOWS

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

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
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
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,
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,
And that has made all the difference.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever faced a difficult decision where you had to choose one path over another? How did you decide?

2. Do you ever wonder "what if" about choices you've made? Does this poem resonate with those feelings?

3. Does the poem offer any sense of comfort or closure regarding the choices we make?
