

# 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 To where it bent in the undergrowth;	5
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,	10
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.	15
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.	20

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1. According to the speaker, what "has made all the difference" (line 20)?

- A. He or she took the first of the two roads.
- B. He or she took the road less traveled by.
- C. He or she took the road that bent in the undergrowth.
- D. He or she chose a road after looking as far down it as possible

2. What is the setting of this poem?

- A. a quiet street on the edge of a town
- B. a forest in the middle of winter
- C. the back yard of a house in the country
- D. a wood with two roads in it

3. The speaker of the poem wishes that he or she did not have to make a choice between the roads.

What lines from the poem support this statement?

- A. And sorry I could not travel both/And be one traveler, long I stood
- B. Though as for that, the passing there/Had worn them really about the same
- C. And both that morning equally lay/In leaves no step had trodden black
- D. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,/I took the one less traveled by

4. Based on the information in the poem, why might the second road have "wanted wear" and been "grassy?"

- A. because the second road was close to a stream that ran through the woods
- B. because the second road got a lot of sunlight
- C. because many people had taken the second road
- D. because few people had taken the second road

5. What is the theme of this poem?

- A. giving up hope
- B. making a choice
- C. enjoying the present moment
- D. having the courage to fight for something you believe in

6. Read these lines from the poem.

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And be one traveler, long I stood

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And having perhaps the better claim,

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Based on these lines, what does the word "diverged" probably mean?

- A. went in different directions
- B. led to the same place
- C. continued forward in a straight line
- D. turned around and went backward

7. What does "this" (line 16) refer to?

- A. the explanation of why the speaker chose the second road
- B. the place the speaker will be ages and ages from now
- C. the description of the first road bending in the undergrowth
- D. the leaves that lay on both of the paths in the yellow wood

8. What has worn the roads "about the same" (line 10)?
9. Compare the two roads with each other. Include at least three pieces of information from the poem.
10. The speaker claims that he or she has taken the road less traveled by. Is the speaker telling the truth? Support your answer with evidence from the text.