

Chapter-14
The Road Not Taken
Worksheet.

1) What is your opinion about the differences between the two roads in the poem? Does one road seem to be more appealing than the other? Use examples from the poem to support your answer.

2) Discuss the title of the poem "The Road Not Taken". Is it appropriate for the poem?

3) Robert Frost did not feel dejected or disappointed in taking the road that was less travelled. Justify.

4) "Oh ! I kept the first for another day !" What did the poet decide about the first road?

5) Read the stanza and answer the following questions:

'Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth; "

- What does the narrator mean by "a yellow wood"?
- What choice did the narrator have to make?
- Do you think the narrator regrets?
- In the poem what does "road" symbolises?

6) Read the stanza and answer the following questions:

"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, "

- What does the "other" refer to in the above lines?
- Which road did the poet choose?
- Explain "grassy and wanted wear"?

7) Read the stanza and answer the following questions:

"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. ”

- Explain the line “In leaves no step had trodden back”.
- Does the narrator wish to come back? Give your opinion.
- “He wanted to walk down the road he had left.” Who is he in the poem? Explain the statement in your own words.

8) Read the stanza and answer the following questions:

“I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference ”

- Which road did the narrator leave?
- Why do you think the narrator says this “with a sigh”?
- Which road did the narrator finally decide to take and why?

9) “The narrator is regretful because he could not return and take the road he had left behind to travel on another day or is he content as the road he took led him on to glory and a better life .” Explain the line in your own words.

10) Does the poem relate to some situations in your life when it was not easy for you to take a decision. Ponder over the question and use your own life experiences.