

“The Road Not Taken”

Vocabulary

diverged: branched off; moved in a different direction

undergrowth: small trees and plants growing beneath larger trees

fair: promising; favorable

claim: demand or right

trodden: walked on

hence: from this time

Comprehension Check

Part One

Directions: Paraphrase the poem using the graphic organizer below. Use the sentence prompts to help you.

Stanza 1	<p>The speaker is in the woods and comes to a spot in the road where the road is forked</p> <p>The speaker is sorry ...</p> <p>He ...</p> <p>Until ...</p>
Stanza 2	<p>The speaker takes the other road which is ...</p> <p>He chooses this road because ...</p> <p>Because grass is growing on it, and the road seemed ...</p> <p>Though ...</p>
Stanza 3	<p>Both roads were...</p> <p>The leaves...</p> <p>The speaker saves the first road for...</p> <p>But, the speaker knows that ...</p> <p>And the speaker doesn't think ...</p>

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Stanza 4	Sometime in the future, the speaker will be ... At a time ... That two roads ... And he... And that was ...
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Part Two

Directions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. What is the speaker in the poem doing? _____

2. What does the speaker encounter? _____

3. What decision does the speaker have to make in the poem? _____

4. Infer the season. How do you know? _____

5. Describe the conflict the speaker feels. _____

6. Explain why the reader doubts he'll ever come back to travel the first road. _____

7. Analyze the last stanza. What does the speaker mean by "Somewhere ages and ages hence"? _____

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8. Formulate an idea of what you think the road may represent. Explain why you think that. _____

9. Propose a reason for the “sigh” the speaker has at the end of the poem. What are some of the reasons he may be sighing? Explain your answer. _____

10. Propose a meaning for the line “that has made all the difference.” What are some of other meanings of that line? _____

11. Which interpretation do you prefer? Why? _____
