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;

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.
**Advanced Composition Poetry/Lyric Response sheet**

**Title of Poem/Song:**

1. What is the subject of the poem/song? ________

2. Who is the speaker? ________

3. Who is the audience? ________

4. Paraphrase the poem: Translate the poem into your own words – paraphrase line by line for short poems OR summarize stanza by stanza for long poems. Look for: Syntactical units (complete sentences (or ideas) rather than line by line) – do this on the lyric/poem sheet

5. What does the poem/song say to you? ________

6. How did the poem/song make you feel? ________

7. What did the poem/song make you think about? ________

8. What did you think about the poem/song? ________

9. What did you notice? ________

10. What words or phrases did you especially like? ________

11. Does the poem/song remind you of anything in your life? ________

12. What do you think the poet/lyricist was thinking? ________

13. What did you notice about the way the author/lyricist wrote the poem? ________

14. What is the theme of the poem/song?
   a. Recognize the human experience, motivation, or condition suggested by the poem.
   b. First list what the poem is about (subjects);
      i. ________
      ii. ________
      iii. ________
   c. Then determine what the poet/lyricist is saying about each of those subjects (theme).
      i. ________
      ii. ________
      iii. ________

**Other thoughts**

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