

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.

Name: _____ Bk: _____ Date: _____

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/son 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

