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SENIOR SECTION
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
CLASS IX
WORKSHEET- The Road Not Taken



The Road Not Taken
By Robert Frost

I. Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow:

1. *"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;"*
 - a) What does the poet mean by 'yellow wood'?
 - b) Why did he feel like travelling both the roads?
 - c) '....long I stood'. What did the speaker do while standing for a long time?
 - d) Explain: 'And be one traveller'
2. *"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."*
 - a) Then took the other . What does 'the other' refer to here?
 - b) Explain : ... just as fair'.
 - c) ' the better claim'. What better claim did the other have?
 - d) Give the rhyme scheme of these lines.
3. *"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 travelled by,
And that has made all the difference."*
 - a) What will the speaker be telling with a sigh?
 - b) Why do you think the speaker will sigh?
 - c) Why does the poet say, "And that has made all the difference"?
 - d) As a symbol, what does 'road' signify in the poem?

II. Answer the following questions in not more than two or three sentences.

1. What does the divergence in the road signify in real life?
2. Why did the poet stand long on the forked road to make the decision?
3. Which road does the speaker choose ? Why?
4. Does the poet seem happy about his decision?

III. ' The Road not Taken' symbolizes the metaphor of choices made in life. Describe the theme of the poem justifying its title.

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