

GRADE 8

# Strong reading skills are the foundation learning!

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## Why Learn with Brighterly? ✨



Assessment-Based Learning



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Homework Support



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**PART 1: Multiple Choice**

 **Read the poem carefully, then answer the questions that follow. Circle the correct answer.**

**“The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost (1874–1963)**

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.



**Q1: What is the central theme of the poem?**

- A.** Nature is unpredictable.
- B.** People should avoid difficult paths.
- C.** Life is shaped by the choices we make.
- D.** It is better to follow the crowd.

**Q2: Which line best supports the idea that both roads were actually very similar?**

- A.** "Because it was grassy and wanted wear;"
- B.** "And sorry I could not travel both"
- C.** "Had worn them really about the same,"
- D.** "I took the one less traveled by"

**Q3: What does the word diverged most likely mean in the first line?**

- A.** Connected together
- B.** Split into different directions
- C.** Ended suddenly
- D.** Overlapped in the forest

**Q4: How does the poem's structure contribute to its meaning?**

- A.** The rhyme scheme makes the tone playful.
- B.** The stanzas mirror the narrator's process of making a decision.
- C.** The poem has no rhyme, reflecting uncertainty.
- D.** The short stanzas make the decision seem quick and easy.

**Q5: What can we infer about the speaker's attitude toward his choice at the end of the poem?**

- A.** Nature is unpredictable.
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**Q6: What tone does the speaker use in the final stanza when looking back on his choice?**

- A.** Angry and resentful
- B.** Joyful and carefree
- C.** Reflective and thoughtful
- D.** Hopeless and defeated

## Part 2: Short Answer

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Example: "Yet knowing how way leads on to way, / I doubted if I should  
ever come back."

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The roads symbolize life choices or opportunities. Choosing one path  
means giving up another.

**Q9: Why might Frost have written the poem with some ambiguity (uncertainty) about whether the road was truly "less traveled"?**

To show how choices in life are not always clear or simple; people often  
assign meaning to decisions after they are made.

**Q10: Do you agree with the speaker that taking a different path "has made all the difference"? Explain your answer with reasoning.**

Answers will vary. Strong responses should include reasoning about  
personal choices, consequences, and reflection.

### Sample Answer:

Yes, I agree with the speaker because every choice we make changes our future in some way. Even if the roads seemed similar, the decision to take one path instead of the other shaped his experiences and the story he can tell later in life. I think Frost is showing that our decisions, even small ones, are meaningful because they lead us to unique outcomes.