

1 Describe the two paths that the poet finds.
Which road did he choose?

Ans. The poet comes across a path splitting into two in the middle of a forest. One path is well used, whereas the other one does not appear to be so at first glance. This therefore, looks more promising to him and so he decides to take the second one.

2 Why did the poet think that the other road had a better claim? What trait of his personality is revealed by his choice?

Ans. The poet thought that the other road had a better claim because it was not much used. He is reluctant to follow the tradition of using the same road that other people have previously used. This reveals him to be an adventurous person.

3 What do the two roads represent?

Ans. The two roads represent the dilemma a person faces having to make a decision. The results of taking a decision one way or the other usually are different. The decision affects further events related to it.

4 What does the poet promise himself, although he knows he can't keep his promise?

Ans. The poet promises himself that he would come back some other time and take the often travelled road, although knowing that he won't be able to keep his promise. It is because, once a decision is taken, it leads to other decisions. He knows that he will not be able to come back and change his decision.

✓ 4 Was the poet satisfied with his decision of taking the second road? Why or why not?

Ans. The poet's sigh indicates that he was not satisfied with his decision of taking the second road, as it made all the difference in his life. He thinks if he had chosen the worn out road, probably his life would have been different.

✓ 5 What is the significance of the fact that the road 'bent in the undergrowth'?

Ans. The bend in the undergrowth obstructs the vision of the traveller and he can't see where the road leads. This image expresses the idea that the future is unknown, mysterious and surprising; one can't know what it will bring.

✓ 6 The poet takes a long time to make his decision. What is he thinking about?

Ans. The poet knows making the right choice is an important decision. He wants to choose the road that is best for him but he's not sure which one is that. Each time he looks at the two diverging paths, they look different.

✓ 7 "I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference."
What is the speaker saying here?

Ans. The speaker is saying here that whatever choice we make in life influences what our life will be like, for better or for worse, as our choices influence our future life.

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Why does the speaker say "he will be telling
this with a sigh / somewhere ages and ages
hence"?

Ans. When the speaker looks back at his life and the decisions he made, he may be sorry or happy about his decisions or about the roads he took. These might be sighs of satisfaction or regret. He is thinking back and it reflects on his decisions in life.