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Choices are Always There: Choose the right one

- I. Introduction
  - A. Background
    - 1. Life shaped by the choices making right now
      - a) Building blocks of life
      - b) Series of decisions we make
    - 2. Makes us special and differentiates one from everyone else
    - 3. Types.
  - B. Thesis
    - 1. Although choices should be made instinctively, they have a long lasting impact on life and differentiates one from another being. So, they should be made with some logical thinking but often are not.
- II. Rational/Logical
  - A. The Stone Boy
    - 1. Picking half peas rather than running home
      - a) Mother canning, Arnold picking
    - 2. Mother refuses to listen to him.
      - a) Expecting an answer
        - (1) "I didn't want nothing" (Berriault, p. 201).
          - (a) Arnold becomes a real stone boy
            - (i) A victim caused from all the consequences
  - B. The Road Not Taken
    - 1. Takes the road less taken.
      - a) Different from the rest
- III. Instinctive
  - A. The Stone Boy
    - Shooting ducks out of season
      - a) Biggest mistake of his life
    - 2. Lack of emotion
      - a) Traumatized
    - 3. Family cares more about arnold's reaction than the death of Eugene.
  - B. Romeo and Juliet
    - 1. Fate b/c of their choices.
      - a) "Chorus: A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life" (Shakespeare, I. Prologue. L. 6).
        - (1) Lovers who are doomed to fail from the star t.
        - (2) Romeo to Mercutio
          - (a) death dream
            - (i) Still goes to the party.
      - b) Tybalt's death.

- c) Romeo's dead b/c Juliet's dead.
- IV. Expected
  - A. The Stone Boy Stereotypical
    - 1. Only the men in the family go out.
      - a) Mother and Nora do household tasks.
  - B. Boys and Girls
    - 1. The girls struggles between what she wants to do and what she is expected to do.
      - a) "She's only a girl" (Munro, P. 230).
  - C. Frankenstein
    - 1. Judgment
      - a) "A fiendish rage animated him as he said this; his face was ... too horrible for human eyes to behold; but presently he calmed himself and proceeded..." (Shelley, P. 125).
        - (1) The depiction / De Lacey
- V. Forced Upon
  - A. The Road Not Taken
    - 1. The meaning of the title
      - a) lost opportunities, complexities of choices, and not just choosing the path that is fresh and new.
    - 2. Couldn't travel both roads
      - a) Regrets later
        - (1) "And sorry I could not travel both" (Frost, L. 2).
          - (a) Wonders what was lost down the road he did not choose
  - B. Frankenstein
    - 1. The monster asks for a female companion
      - a) Viktor agrees then refuses
  - C. Romeo and Juliet
    - 1. The Montague family forces Juliet to marry Paris.
      - a) Lady Capulet tells Lord Capulet "I would the fool were married to her grave!" (Shakespeare, 3.5.139-140).
        - (1) Foreshadow.

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