The Road Not Taken
By Robert Lee 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.
1. Which road does the speaker take?
   A) the first road
   B) the road less traveled by
   C) the road that bends in the undergrowth
   D) the road that he or she looks down as far as possible

2. What is the setting of this poem?
   A) a quiet street on the edge of a town
   B) a forest in the middle of winter
   C) the back yard of a house in the country
   D) a wood with two roads in it

3. The speaker of the poem wishes that he or she did not have to make a choice between the roads.

   What lines from the poem support this statement?
   A) And sorry I could not travel both/And be one traveler, long I stood
   B) Though as for that, the passing there/Had worn them really about the same
   C) And both that morning equally lay/In leaves no step had trodden black
   D) Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,,/I took the one less traveled by

4. Based on the information in the poem, why might the second road have “wanted wear” and been “grassy?”
   A) because the second road was close to a stream that ran through the woods
   B) because the second road got a lot of sunlight
   C) because many people had taken the second road
   D) because few people had taken the second road
5. What is the theme of this poem?
   A) giving up hope
   B) making a difficult choice
   C) enjoying the present moment
   D) having the courage to fight for something you believe in

6. The word “diverged” means “went in different directions.” What is a line in the poem that provides a clue to the meaning of “diverged”?
   A) line 5
   B) line 8
   C) line 10
   D) line 11

7. What does “this” (line 16) refer to?
   A) the explanation of why the speaker chose the second road
   B) the place the speaker will be ages and ages from now
   C) the description of the first road bending in the undergrowth
   D) the leaves that lay on both of the paths in the yellow wood

8. According to the speaker, what has made “all the difference”?

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9. The speaker says that the second road has “perhaps the better claim.” Explain what the speaker means. Support your answer with evidence from the text.

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10. Was the speaker’s decision to take the road less traveled by a good choice? Support your answer with information from the text.