

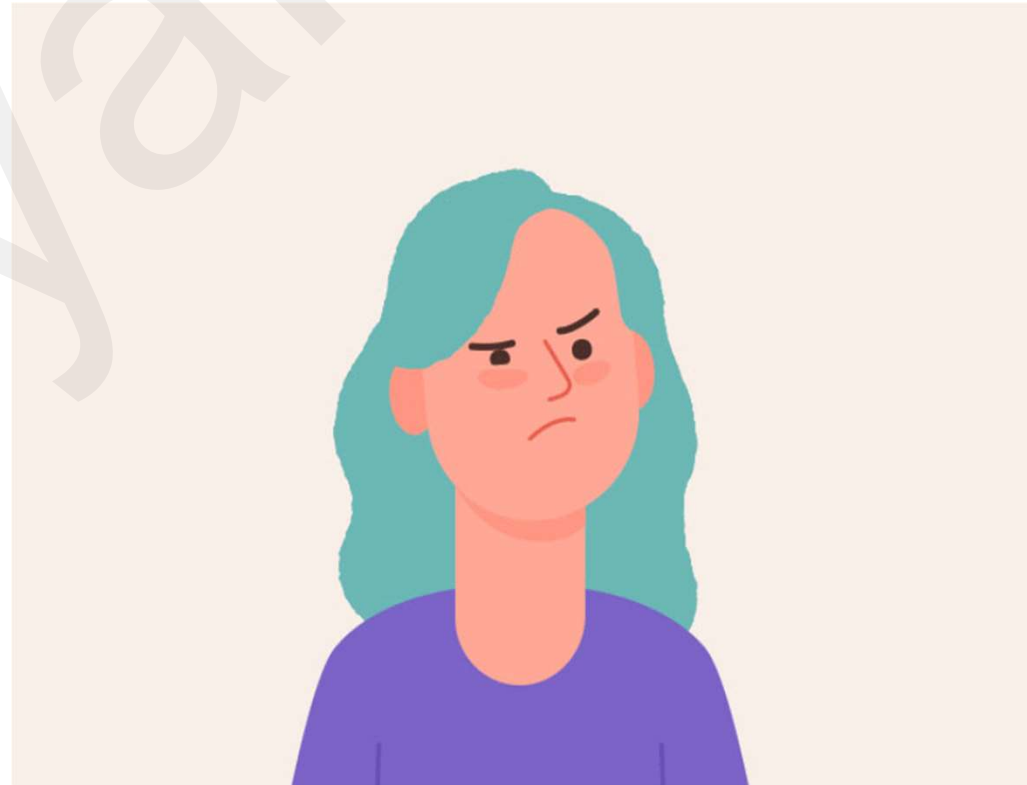
# CLASS IX POEM 1 THE ROAD NOT TAKEN (NCERT)

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## THINKING ABOUT THE POEM (PAGE 16)

**I. QUESTION 1.** Where does the traveler find himself? What problem does he face?

**ANSWER:** The traveler finds himself at a point where two roads diverge. His problem is to decide on which road he should walk.



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## TWO ROADS DIVERGED

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**QUESTION 2** Discuss what these phrases mean to you.

- 1.** A yellow wood
- 2.** it was grassy and wanted wear
- 3.** the passing there
- 4.** leaves no step had trodden black
- 5.** how way leads on to way

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**YELLOW WOOD**

**PASSING BY**



**GRASSY LANE**

**DRY LEAVES**



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## ANSWER:

1. A forest in the autumn season.
2. The road was grassy because it was a less travelled road. It wanted people to move on it.
3. It implies walking on the road.
4. It means the leaves had not been crushed under the feet of travelers.
5. How one road leads to another?

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**QUESTION 3** Is there any difference between the two roads as the poet describes them?

1. in stanzas two and three?
2. in the last two lines of the poem?

**ANSWER:**

1. There is no difference between the two roads in stanzas two and three
2. In the last two lines of the poem the poet tells that the road he opted for is less travelled.

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**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,

**3** 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 took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

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**QUESTION 4** What do you think the last two lines of the poem mean? (Looking back, does the poet regret his choice or accept it?)

**ANSWER:** The last two lines have the quintessence of the poem. The poet expresses his opinion that it becomes difficult for a normal human being to change his/her decision.





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The poet intends to walk on the first road but he couldn't do so because life does not offer multiple chances to choose. The decision taken may one's future or lead one to success. It makes all the differences. He now repents for not getting a chance to travel on the first road.



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