



PUBLIC SCHOOL DARBHANGA

SUBJECT– ENGLISH CLASS IX

Poem 1 - The Road Not Taken

SUMMARY: The narrator comes upon a fork in the road while walking through a yellow wood. He considers both paths and concludes that each one is equally well-traveled and appealing. After choosing one of the roads, the narrator tells himself that he will come back to this fork one day in order to try the other road. However, he realizes that it is unlikely that he will ever have the opportunity to come back to this specific point in time because his choice of path will simply lead to other forks in the road (and other decisions). The narrator ends on a nostalgic note, wondering how different things would have been had he chosen the other path.

1. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth'
 - a. What does the poet regret?
 - b. Why did the poet stand there looking at the two roads for a long time?
 - c. What does the phrase 'yellow wood' mean?
 - d. Give the antonym of the word –'diverged'

2. Answer the following questions in 20-30 words.
 - a. Why did the poet leave the first road?
 - b. Why would the poet like to come back?
 - c. Explain: 'leaves no step had trodden black'.
 - d. What does the choice made by the poet indicates about his personality in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?

3. Answer the following questions in 60-80 words.
 - a. What was the poet's dilemma in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?
 - b. Bring out the symbolism in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'.

NOTE : YOU MUST READ THE CHAPTER AND THE POEM ONLINE BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE QUESTIONS.

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