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Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

"The Road Not Taken" by Robert 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.

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Questions:

1. Identify and explain one example of a metaphor used in the poem.
2. Find a simile in the poem. What is being compared, and what effect does it create?
3. Describe the imagery in the lines: "And looked down one as far as I could / To where it bent in the undergrowth." What picture does it create in your mind?
4. What mood or feeling does the poem evoke in you? Provide specific lines or words that contribute to this mood.
5. What is the tone of the speaker in the last stanza? How does it differ from the tone in the earlier stanzas?
6. How might the poem relate to the idea of individuality and forging one's own path?
7. What do you think the poem suggests about making choices in life?
8. Have you ever faced a significant choice in your life where you had to decide between two different paths? How did you feel at that time? Did you relate to the speaker's dilemma in the poem?