

**Class 9 chapter two poem The Road not Taken.**

**About the poet:** Robert Frost was born on March 26, 1874, in San Francisco. After the death of his father, he moved with his mother and sister to Lawrence, Massachusetts. He became interested in reading and writing poetry during his high school years. His first published poem **“My Butterfly”** appeared on November 8, 1894 in the New York news paper. Frost was influenced by the British poet Ezra Pound who helped him to promote and publish his work. Robert Frost lived and taught for many years in Massachusetts and Vermont. He died in Boston on January 29, 1963.

**Answer the following questions:**

1. Where does traveler find himself? What problem does he face?
  - a. The traveler finds himself at a point where two roads diverge. His problem is to decide on which road he should walk on.
2. Discuss what these phrases meant to you.
  - A. A yellow wood
  - B. It was grassy and wanted wear
  - C. The passing there
  - D. Leaves no step had trodden black
  - E. How way leads on to way

Answers

- a. A forest in autumn season.
  - b. The road was grassy because it was less travelled road.
  - c. It implies walking on the road.
  - d. It means the leaves had not been crushed under the feet of travelers.
  - e. How one road leads to another?
- Q3. What do you think the last two lines of the poem mean?
- A. 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 or her decisions. The narrator 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 lead one to success. It makes all the difference. He now repents for not getting a chance to travel on the first road.

