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The Road Not Taken By Robert Frost p. 705

O Captain! My Captain! By Walt Whitman p. 706-708

Read each poem and answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. In *"In Road Not Taken,"* compare and contrast the two road. Use evidence to explain how they are similar and how they are different.

2. What kind of choice might these two roads represent and explain why.

3. In *"Oh Captain! My Captain,"* what is the ship's destination. What is the "fearful trip" that the ship has "weathered?" How does this trip and the rest of the poem reveal the poet's response to a historic event?

4. The insights of both *"The Road Not Taken"* and *"O Captain! My Captain!"* are expressed through figurative descriptions-in the first poem, a personal experience; and in the second, a personal reaction to a historical event. In an essay, explain how these descriptions help convey important ideas to readers today. **USE EVIDENCE FROM THE POEMS TO SUPPORT YOUR IDEAS.** Use the following questions to help you get started:
    - How common are the experiences the poets describe.
    - How universal are the emotions that prompt the descriptions.
    - Which poet better expresses his emotions through the descriptions?
    - Which message is easier for you to understand and why?