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Class 9 English (Beehive) Notes

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

POETRY (BEEHIVE)

1. THE ROAD NOT TAKEN by Robert Frost

Value Points

- The poet Robert Frost tells us about the struggle an individual faces while he/she makes decisions in life.
- The person in the poem has to decide whether to follow the crowd or to travel by the road much travelled by.
- He chooses the road not many people had taken before.
- He also wonders about the road that he had not taken that is he thinks about the choice that he left and also what would have happened if he had made a different choice.

STANZA FOR COMPREHENSION

1. 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) Name the poem and the poet.
 - b) Who is 'I' in these lines?
 - c) What is he sorry about?
 - d) Find any two rhyming words from the stanza.
2. Then took the other, 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
 - a) What was 'just as fair'?
 - b) Why did it have a better claim?
 - c) Find the rhyme scheme of the given stanza
 - d) Write a similar word for 'perhaps'.

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.
- a) What lay in front of the poet?
 - b) Why is the poet in doubt?
 - c) Explain 'way leads on to way'.
 - d) Give the rhyme scheme of this stanza.
4. 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 travelled by,
And that has made all the difference
- a) Who is 'I' in the above lines?
 - b) What will the poet tell with a sigh?
 - c) Find a word in the stanza same opposite in meaning to "converged."