**HANDOUT [A] - THE ROAD NOT TAKEN**

**[A] DECISIONS IN LIFE:**

1. As a teenager, what are some choices you have to make on a daily basis?

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1. Are decisions hard or easy for you to make? Provide examples.

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1. What was the hardest decision you ever had to make?

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1. How do you usually make decisions? By impulse, by emotion, by asking others?

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**[B] 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 marked the first for another day!

Yet knowing how [way leads](http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/the-road-not-taken/) 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

**THEME QUESTIONS:** After reading, The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost, complete the questions below.

1. What is this poem about?

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2. What was the author’s dilemma?

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3. What path did he choose?

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4. Was the author happy with his choice?

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5. Have you ever taken the road less traveled or do you prefer the more trodden road? Explain.

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**THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

In partners, come up with a decision that would be difficult to make as a teenager. (Examples could be to drink or do drugs, to skip school or to tell the cops about something you saw.) Go through the questions below and work through the problem.

1. Define and clarify the issue - does it warrant action? Is the matter urgent, important or both?

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2. What are the facts surrounding the problem?

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3. What are the possible options?

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4. Consider and compare all the pros and cons using the chart below.

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1. Individually, what would you do in this situation? Is this different from your friends?

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**DECISION MOUNTAIN**

1. Analyze and breakdown a decision you recently made by working your way up from the bottom of this decision mountain.

**Decision**:

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**Consequences**:

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# **Options**:

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# **Define the Problem**:

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