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Portfolio Project: Prompt 09 - The Road Not Taken

Prompt Overview: The objective of this prompt is to examine Robert Frost's 1915 poem, *The Road Not Taken*, and reflect on the ways the poem relates to your past choices, as well as the choices you will make in the months or years ahead.

Directions: Open and read the poem posted in Prompt 9b, and consider how the author's own reflections on how his choice to take the more difficult, less traveled path in life "has made all the difference".

Prompt: The beginning of Frost's poem appears to reflect on how the poet has ventured through life on a single path, only to find himself faced with a choice between two possible paths, or next steps, he must take in order to set the next stage of his life in order. One path is described as being the one that is obviously more easily traveled, and has been the choice of the majority of people faced with such difficult decisions. The other path is described as being less traveled and more difficult in appearance, but ultimately "made all the difference" for the poet in the years to come.

While the poet's words were penned nearly a century ago, the reflections and advice he provides are considered both timeless and true. As you read through Frost's poem, please consider and write about the various paths you have taken up to this point in your life:

- What has been the result of your chosen path up to this point in time?
- Describe the ways that your chosen path in life has resulted in both positive and negative outcomes.
- Consider what path you will choose in order to achieve the goals you have set for yourself both personally and academically.
- What obstacles might make your chosen path more difficult?
- What do you suppose the long term "difference" or outcome will be in your life if you are able to overcome the obstacles or challenges you will face if your journey is successful?
- What personal choices will you make in order to overcome the obstacles you may face on your chosen path so that your journey will "make all the difference"?

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