



# Robert Frost and Themes in his poems

# ROBERT FROST

- Robert Frost was the most popular poet of twentieth century. He was generally regarded as a poet, teacher, and a man of wisdom.
- He was awarded **Pulitzer prize** four times.
- He had a profound knowledge of literature, history, science and philosophy.
- Louis Untermeyer best describes Frost's work as "Poetry that sings and poetry that talks .....his poems are people talking".



## ○ His Themes : -

- 1) Frost places a great deal of importance on Nature in all of his collections.
- 2) Communication
- 3) Isolation of the individual
- 5) Duty
- 6) Rationality vs Imagination
- 7) Rural life vs Urban life



## THEME OF THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

In this poem by Frost, the two roads which represent two or more choices in our life. Life is full of choices. The speaker is stuck and spends his time in thinking which road is to be chosen. Here is the choice that we have to make in our life. The choice that he made has made all the differences in his life .It is better or worse is ambiguous.



## THEME OF HOME BURIAL

In this poem we find the mental breakdown of husband and wife. Loss of a child is shown in this poem. collapse of a marriage is one of the themes . The poem presents a family disturbed by the death of their son . Thus, we see that Frost presents idea of grief through this poem.



## Theme of Stopping by woods on a snowy evening.

This poem deals with the contemplation of nature . We see that one must concentrate on fulfilling his promises and accomplishing his duties without being distracted by the pleasure of life.



## Theme of Mending wall

In this poem we see the comparison between two lifestyles traditions and a common sense. The meaning of this poem is how people literally and figuratively build walls . We see the barriers between two people.

### Good fences make good neighbours

This famous line is taken from the above line. Here we see even though fences are not natural we need fences to live happy lives here, privacy is maintained by the wall. Even if the wall is not necessary but it gives a sense of security to the neighbours and neighbours know they will not bother each other.

so we see that privacy is to be maintained in order to have healthy relationships.



## STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the central idea of Home Burial?
- 2) And miles to go before I sleep is from which poem by Frost ?
- 3) What are the main themes of Frost's poetry?



○ Thanking You !

