

The Narrative Poetry of Robert Frost

Directions

We can be sure that Frost thought very carefully about which details to leave in or out of the stories told in his poems. Sometimes these details are given directly. Other details are ideas we need to figure out based on **evidence**--hints and clues--in the poem. An idea about a poem that is based upon evidence, but is not stated directly, is called an **inference**.

In the chart below, decide whether there is evidence in the poem for the statements about Frost's poem, "Stopping By The Woods On A Snowy Evening." In the left hand column of the chart, you will see a series of statements about the poem. You need to decide whether these statements are given directly in the poem, or whether they are inferences based on evidence in the poem. Some statements may be inferences that are either not supported by evidence in the poem, or are contradicted by evidence in the poem. You can either write your evidence in your own words, or copy directly from the poem itself. If you are copying the exact words of the poem, be sure to put quotation marks ("") around those words.

If a statement not supported or is contradicted by the poem, simply check the box in the right hand column of the chart.

Below the first chart is a blank chart that you can use record your own statements about a Robert Frost poem of your choice.

INFERENCE AND EVIDENCE CHART: *Use this chart to evaluate statements about "Stopping By The Woods On A Snowy Evening," by Robert Frost*

Your Name: _____	Directly Supported by Poem (copy evidence from poem in space provided)	Inference based on Evidence (copy evidence from poem in space provided)	Not supported by evidence (check box only)
Statements			
It is the middle of winter			
The speaker feels guilty and uncertain about stopping			
The speaker has lost his way			
At the end of the poem, the speaker and his horse leave the woods and head home			
The speaker thinks uneasily about his own death			
The owner of the woods and the speaker don't get along			
The speaker admires the snowy woods and is attracted to its stark beauty and solitude			

BLANK CHART: Use this chart to record and evaluate your own statements about a poem of your choice

Your Name: _____	Directly Supported by Poem (copy evidence from poem in space provided)	Inference based on Evidence (copy evidence from poem in space provided)	Not supported by evidence (check box only)
Statements:			