

**“STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING”**  
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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- ~~1. Describe the events of the poem.~~
2. Why does the horse think it unusual to stop where they do?
3. Why does the speaker stop—what captures his attention about the scene?
4. The horse in the poem does not seem to understand why they stopped there. What does this suggest about the difference between humans and animals, between what we as humans need in our lives and what, perhaps, other animals do not?
5. Does the man ultimately want to leave or not?
6. So, why does he leave?
7. There is a tension in the poem not just between horse and man, but also between the woods and the village. What does the village seem to represent symbolically in the poem? How about the woods?
8. Reread the last stanza, paying close attention to the vowel sounds. Also, take into account the repetition of the last line. How do the sounds in the stanza relate to the meaning of the lines in the stanza?
9. Based on that last stanza, how does the man feel about his life? What does he crave and why?
10. Define a theme for the poem, and then explore how the sounds in the last stanza help to support that theme.
- ~~11. Robert Frost once wrote that a poem should “begin in delight and end in wisdom.” What do you think that means?~~
- ~~12. How does THIS poem perhaps begin in delight and end in wisdom?~~
13. Does this poem, in the end, have a hopeful or mournful tone? How do you think the man feels as he leaves the woods? Explain.