

**“The Road Not Taken”** by Robert Frost  
**“O Captain! My Captain!”** by Walt Whitman

## Integrated Language Skills: Support for Writing to Compare Description in Literary Works

Before you write your essay, use the graphic organizer below to list ideas about each poem.

### “The Road Not Taken”

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How common are the experiences the poets describe?	How universal are the emotions that prompt the descriptions?	Which poet better expresses his emotions through the descriptions? Why?	Which message is easier for you to interpret? Why?
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### “O Captain! My Captain!”

Now, use your notes to write your essay comparing the descriptions in “The Road Not Taken” and “O Captain! My Captain!”