Reading Strategy: Generating Questions

Asking and answering questions as you read a selection will help you to understand and appreciate what you are reading. Begin by using common question words such as Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How?

Directions: Answer the following questions to guide your understanding of “The Road Not Taken,” “New Directions,” and “To be of use.”

“The Road Not Taken”

1. What decision does the speaker face in the opening lines of the poem?

2. Why does the speaker feel sorry?

3. How does he feel about his decision?

“New Directions”

1. What jobs are not acceptable to Annie Johnson?

2. Why are these jobs not acceptable?

3. How does Annie’s business grow and change?

“To be of use”

1. Who are the people the speaker loves the best?

2. Why does the speaker love these people best?
3. *What* are some of the activities the speaker describes?