

Dear Robert Frost,

Choices, we have to make them every day. From little ones such as picking out what candy bar you want at the store or big ones such as choosing what high school you want to attend. Choices can have good effects, such as having a delicious candy bar to eat during a movie or some not good effects such as not fitting in at a new high school.

In class we had to memorize your poem, "The Road Not Taken." I wasn't very enthusiastic about memorizing it; but after I read it and understood what it meant, I realized that the choices we made every day affect us in some ways. Big choices we make will stick with us throughout the rest of our lives.

Right now, I have a big choice. I have to choose my high school. It may not be the biggest choice of my life, but it is very important to me. My mother can't choose, my grandfather can't choose, nor can my aunt choose where I should go to high school. It is my choice. This is what your poem taught me, that I have to make the choices. No one can make my choice. I have to. What happens through my choices is life.

In the past, I have made some not so great choices. For example, I had a choice to keep my twenty dollars to save up for a new flat screen television, or I could spend it on a video game. I chose to spend it on a video game. That was a bad choice because the game wasn't fun and I just wasted my twenty dollars, but I know in the future I will make better ones. Your choice to become a poet was very admirable because it takes a very strong writer to become a poet. In the future, I do not think I want to become a poet, but I do know I want to go into politics and do something great.

I know that if I make a choice I most likely can't go back and change it. Your poem showed me that I have to accept the consequences that result from making a choice.

Consequences can be good or bad. Yes, of course, we all want our conscience to tell us what choice is good and what choice is bad. But that is the beauty of life, not knowing what will happen next; for example, joining a sport you want to try and it turns out to be the sport you will love forever.

Choice equals consequence. When I used to hear the word consequence I always thought of only a bad consequence because I always thought of a teacher saying, "If you don't follow the rules there will be consequences." But now I know it can be good; for example, a teacher saying, "If you follow the rules there will be good consequences." I never knew all of our choices led to so many consequences. But I know now that we have to be well-prepared to make a good choice and be ready for its consequence.

Now I will look out for the little choices I make and the big ones. I will always try my best to make the best choices in life and learn from the bad ones. You know now that I will take a little more time picking out a candy bar in the store and thinking very hard on choosing my future high school and college, too.

Sincerely yours,

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