

Forked Paths Answer Key

Teachers should check for:

- Two **distinct** endings that clearly diverge from one another.
- A meaningful **choice** made by the narrator or characters in each ending.
- Logical consequences or outcomes tied to the choice.
- Consistent tone, pacing, and clarity suitable for Grades 9 to 12.

There is no single correct response. The goal is contrast and exploration of narrative direction.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: This worksheet develops students' understanding of how choices shape narrative meaning and consequence. Writing multiple endings encourages flexibility, structural awareness, and deeper decision making.

- Review how endings can change tone, message, or character development.
- Brainstorm as a class what types of choices could split the story: opening the box, refusing to open it, involving others, or leaving it behind.
- Remind students that both endings must connect to the same narrative setup but move in different directions.

Differentiation Tips:

- For advanced writers: Challenge them to make the two endings contrast in theme, such as hope versus danger or discovery versus regret.
- Provide a vocabulary list with terms like **risk**, **clasp**, **sealed**, **restore**, **revealed**, **consequence**, **decide**, **uncertain**.

Engagement Ideas:

- Invite partners to swap endings and try to guess what the character's choice was.
- Display several anonymous endings on the board and discuss the different narrative effects.