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Robert Frost was a master of words. He often left out details so that readers would have to guess the meanings of his poems. This is called "inference". If the words explicitly state facts, it's known as "evidence".

In the chart below, based on "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening", decide whether the facts are stated outright or whether the reader must "guess" the meaning. In some cases the ideas aren't supported.

Put a check in the column to indicate your interpretation of the poem.

Statements	Directly supported by poem (evidence given)	Inference	Not supported (no evidence)
It's winter			
The horse is confused			
Someone owns the woods			
Narrator feels guilty about stopping			
Narrator is lost			
At the end, the narrator leaves and heads home			
The owner of the woods and narrator aren't friendly			
The narrator loves the snowy woods and admires its beauty			
The narrator has a destination other than the woods			