

# On the Journey

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the poem and then respond to the questions.

To make the right start  
Is everything.  
Though crooked stumbling  
Through undergrowth  
Can lead to destination  
Just the same as a laid-out path;  
And neither can claim precedence  
To genius of any sort;  
Geniuses are rare  
And the cleared path, to travel,  
Much more fair  
And you must admit that it is so  
That he gets there best  
Who knows where he wants to go.



1. “Crooked stumbling through undergrowth” and “the cleared path” are both metaphors for what?

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2. How is this poem advocating that people go about their lives?

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