

Read the two poems and answer the below questions:

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44260/birches>

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44266/mending-wall>

1. In Birches, what two explanations does the speaker give for the bent trees?
  - a. Which does the speaker seem to prefer?
2. In Mending Wall, what two forces cause the stone wall to fall apart?
  - a. Why is there no practical need for the wall?
3. Frost is one of the great poets of loneliness; in what ways do both poems explore the theme of solitude? Use examples from the poem - mention literary devices (two similes and two metaphors) used and the similarities and differences.