

Both poems, "The Journey" by Mary Oliver and the excerpt from Gitanjali 12 by Rabindranath Tagore, explore the theme of a personal journey towards self-discovery and fulfillment. However, they differ in their tone, imagery, and the specific nature of the journey they depict. * **Focus of the Journey:**

Oliver's poem focuses on a very personal, inward journey. The speaker breaks free from the demands and expectations of others ("Mend my life!") to pursue their own path. In essence, both poems explore the journey of self-discovery, but Oliver's poem emphasizes the personal struggle to break free from external pressures, while Tagore's poem emphasizes a grand, cosmic search for the divine within oneself.