

# BOB DYLAN

His life and times



Template for students to research about his life.  
Reading. Comprehension questions. Answer key.

Song - writing activity.

PPTx presentation about Dylan.



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## The Life & Times Of Bob Dylan

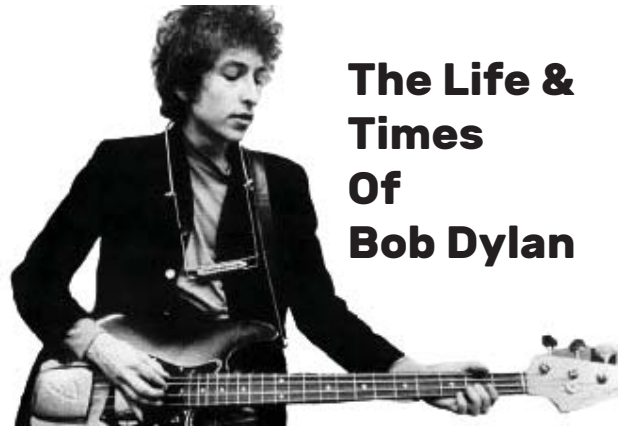
In the boxes below, share your story! What important events have happened in this person's life? Research and then present the information to the class.



The form consists of several hand-drawn boxes connected by lines, each intended for a different section of a biography. The boxes are decorated with various symbols like stars, lightning bolts, and squiggles. The sections are:

- Personal Information**: Located at the top left, with a lightning bolt and a squiggle below the label.
- Family Life**: Located below Personal Information, with a lightning bolt and a squiggle to its right.
- Major Accomplishments**: Located at the bottom left, with a squiggle to its left.
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- Famous Quote**: Located at the top right, with a star to its right.
- What Their Life Teaches Us**: Located at the bottom right, with a squiggle to its left.

Bob  
Dylan



## The Life & Times Of Bob Dylan

### Biography

**Bob Dylan** was born on May 24, 1941 in Duluth, Minnesota. He grew up in a Jewish middle-class family in the city of Hibbing. As a teenager he played in various bands and with time his interest in music deepened, with a particular passion for American folk music and blues. One of his idols was the folk singer Woody Guthrie. He was also influenced by the early authors of the Beat Generation, as well as by modernist poets.

Dylan moved to New York City in 1961 and began to perform in clubs and cafés in Greenwich Village. He met the record producer John Hammond with whom he signed a contract for his debut album, *Bob Dylan* (1962). In the following years he recorded a number of albums which have had a tremendous impact on popular music: *Bringing It All Back Home* and *Highway 61 Revisited* in 1965, *Blonde On Blonde* in 1966 and *Blood On The Tracks* in 1975. His productivity continued in the following decades, resulting in masterpieces like *Oh Mercy* (1989), *Time Out Of Mind* (1997) and *Modern Times* (2006).

Dylan's tours in 1965 and 1966 attracted a lot of attention. For a period he was accompanied by film maker D. A. Pennebaker, who documented life around the stage in what would come to be the movie *Dont Look Back* (1967). Dylan has recorded a large number of albums revolving around topics such as: the social conditions of man, religion, politics and love. The lyrics have continuously been published in new editions, under the title *Lyrics*. As an artist, he is strikingly versatile; he has been active as painter, actor and scriptwriter.

Besides his large production of albums, Dylan has published experimental work like *Tarantula* (1971) and the collection *Writings and Drawings* (1973). He has written an autobiography, *Chronicles* (2004), which depicts memories from the early years in New York and which provides glimpses of his life at the center of popular culture. Since the late 1980s, Bob Dylan has toured persistently, an undertaking called the "Never-Ending Tour". Dylan has the status of an icon. His influence on contemporary music is profound, and he is the object of a steady stream of secondary literature.

Dylan has always been recognized as both a performer and a poet. In 2016, the Swedish Academy awarded him the Nobel Prize in Literature for his poetic expressions and command of language.



# When You Gonna Wake Up?

God don't make promises that he don't keep  
You got some big dreams baby, but in order to dream you gotta still be asleep.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up  
When you gonna wake up strengthen the things that remain?

Counterfeited philosophies have polluted all of your thoughts  
Karl Marx has got ya by the throat, Henry Kissinger's got you tied up in knots.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up?  
When you gonna wake up strengthen the things that remain?

You got innocent men in jail, your insane asylums are filled.  
You got unrighteous doctors dealing drugs that'll never cure your ills.



When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up?  
When you gonna wake up strengthen the things that remain?

You got men who can't hold their peace and woman who can't control their tongues.  
The rich seduce the poor and the old are seduced by the young.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up?  
When you gonna wake up strengthen the things that remain?

Adulterers in churches and pornography in the schools.  
You got gangsters in power and lawbreakers making rules.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up  
When you gonna wake up strengthen the things that remain?

Spiritual advisors and gurus to guide your every move.  
Instant inner peace and every step you take has got to be approved.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up  
When you gonna wake up strengthen the things that remain?



Do you ever wonder just what God requires?  
You think he's just an errand boy to satisfy your wandering desires.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up?  
When you gonna wake up and strengthen the things that remain ?

You can't take it with you and you know that it's too worthless to be sold.  
They tell you, 'Time is money' as if your life was worth its weight in gold.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up  
When you gonna wake up and strengthen the things that remain ?

There's a man up on a cross and he's been crucified for you  
Believe in his power that's about all you got to do.

When you gonna wake up, when you gonna wake up?  
When you gonna wake up and strengthen the things that remain ?

# The World Has To Wake Up And ...

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**Answer key:**

1. Where was he born? **Duluth, Minnesota**
2. Dylan belonged to which generation? **The Beat Generation**
3. What religion did he grow up in? **Jewish / Judaism**
4. Where did he first start to perform? **New York City, Greenwich Village**
5. What was his debut album called? **"Bob Dylan"**
6. Bob Dylan was a "prolific" songwriter so he was very **productive.**
7. What is the name of his famous documentary? **"Don't Look Back"**
8. What topics were many of his songs about? **social conditions, religion, politics, love**
9. What other things did he do besides singing/songwriting? **painting, acting, script writing**
10. His influence on contemporary music is **profound.**
11. Who was his idol? **Woody Guthrie**

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