Bob Dylan Biography

Songwriter, Singer(1941–)

*Bob Dylan is one of the most influential singer-songwriters of the 20th century whose career began in the early 1960s with songs that chronicled social issues like war and civil rights.*

Read the first paragraph please, where would you place this phrase?:

***contract and emerged as one of***

Folk rock singer-songwriter Bob Dylan was born Robert Allen Zimmerman on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minnesota. While attending college, he began performing folk and country songs, taking the name "Bob Dylan." In 1961 Dylan signed his first recording the most original and influential voices in the history of American popular music. Showing no signs of slowing down, Dylan has continued to tour in recent years, and released studio albums including Together Through Life (2009), Tempest (2012), Shadows in the Night (2015) and Fallen Angels (2016). The legendary singer-songwriter has received Grammy, Academy and Golden Globe awards, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Nobel Prize for Literature.

## Early Life

Driven by the influences of early rock stars like [Elvis Presley](http://www.biography.com/people/elvis-presley-9446466), [Jerry Lee Lewis](http://www.biography.com/people/jerry-lee-lewis-9381145) and [Little Richard](http://www.biography.com/people/little-richard-9383571) (whom he used to imitate on the piano at high school dances), the young Dylan formed his own bands. While attending the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, he began performing folk and country songs at local cafés.

Folk Singing - Read and complete the text with the words in the box, please:

was - introduced - included - began - moved - signed - visited - wrote - emerged

In 1960, Bob \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to New York, where his idol, the legendary folk singer [Woody Guthrie](http://www.biography.com/people/woody-guthrie-9323949) was hospitalized. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Guthrie regularly in his hospital room; became a regular in the folk clubs and coffeehouses of Greenwich Village; met other musicians; and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writing songs at an astonishing pace, including "Song to Woody," a tribute to his friend. In the fall of 1961, after one of his performances received an excellent review in The New York Times, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a recording contract with Columbia Records.

The 1963 rBob Dylan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as one of the most original and poetic voices in the history of American popular music. The album \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ two of the most memorable 1960s folk songs, "Blowin' in the Wind" and "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall." His next album, The Times They Are A-Changin', firmly established Dylan as the definitive songwriter of the 60s protest movement, a reputation that only increased after he became involved with one of the movement's established icons,[Joan Baez](http://www.biography.com/people/joan-baez-9195061), in 1963. Dylan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some of Baez's best-known material, and Baez \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him to thousands of fans through her concerts. By 1964 Dylan was playing 200 concerts annually, but had become tired of his role as "the" folk singer-songwriter of the protest movement. Another Side of Bob Dylan, recorded in 1964, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a much more personal, introspective collection of songs, far less politically charged than Dylan's previous efforts.

Reinventing His Image - Read and organize the paragraphs, please. Write the number in the circle:

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His next two albums, John Wesley Harding (1968) included "All Along the Watchtower," later recorded by guitar great [Jimi Hendrix](http://www.biography.com/people/jimi-hendrix-9334756). **He** also wrote the film's soundtrack, which became a hit and included the now-classic song, "Knockin' on Heaven's Door."

In 1965, Dylan scandalized many of his folkie fans by recording the half-acoustic, half-electric album Bringing It All Back Home. On July 25, 1965, he was famously booed at the Newport Folk Festival when he performed electrically for the first time.

The albums that followed, Highway 61 Revisited (1965) included the famous rock song "Like a Rolling Stone".Dylan brought the worlds of music and literature together as no one else had.Over the course of the next three decades, Dylan continued to reinvent himself. Following a near-fatal motorcycle accident in July 1966, Dylan spent almost a year recovering in seclusion.

## Rock Star Status

In 1989, when Dylan was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, [Bruce Springsteen](http://www.biography.com/people/bruce-springsteen-9491214) spoke at the ceremony, declaring that "Bob freed the mind the way Elvis freed the body ... He invented a new way a pop singer could sound, broke through the limitations of what a recording artist could achieve, and changed the face of rock and roll forever." In 1997, Dylan became the first rock star ever to receive Kennedy Center Honors, considered the nation's highest award for artistic excellence.

Dylan's 1997 album Time Out of Mind re-established this one-time folk icon as one of the preeminent of rock's wise men, winning three Grammy Awards. He continued his vigorous touring schedule, including a memorable performance in 1997 for Pope John Paul II in which he played "Knockin' on Heaven's Door," and a 1999 tour with [Paul Simon](http://www.biography.com/people/paul-simon-9484431). In 2000, he recorded the single "Things Have Changed" for the soundtrack of the film Wonder Boys, starring [Michael Douglas](http://www.biography.com/people/michael-douglas-9278088). The song won Dylan a Golden Globe and an Academy Award for Best Original Song.

## Resultado de imagen para bob dylan biographyRecent Work & Honors

In 2006, Dylan released the studio album Modern Times. After hitting stores in late August, it reached the top of the album charts the next month.

In 2011, he released another live album, Bob Dylan in Concert and in September 2012, released his newest studio album, Tempest. Shadows in the Night.

In addition to winning Grammy, Academy and Golden Globe awards, Dylan received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President [Barack Obama](http://www.biography.com/people/barack-obama-12782369) in 2012. On October 13, 2016, the legendary singer-songwriter also received the [Nobel Prize in Literature](https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature/laureates/2016/), the first time the honor was given to a musician. He became the first American to receive the honor since novelist [Toni Morrison](http://www.biography.com/people/toni-morrison-9415590) in 1993, and was lauded by the Swedish Academy "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

When he is not making music, Dylan has explored his talents as a visual artist. His paintings appear on the covers of his albums, Self Portrait (1970) and Planet Waves (1974), and he has published six books of his paintings and drawings, as well as exhibited his artwork around the world.

**ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS PLEASE:**

1. When did Dylan’s career start?
2. When did he sign his first recording contract?
3. Who influenced his early productions?
4. Which famous newspaper wrote an excellent review after one of his performance?
5. What do people during the 60s think about him’
6. What are the main characteristics of his production?
7. Who famous people or groups sang his songs?
8. Why was his romance with Joan Baez a benefit for his career?
9. Which important prices did he receive?

COMPARING. Choose a singer you like. Compare her or him with Bob Dyland. Take into account their work, their styles, their lives, etc.

