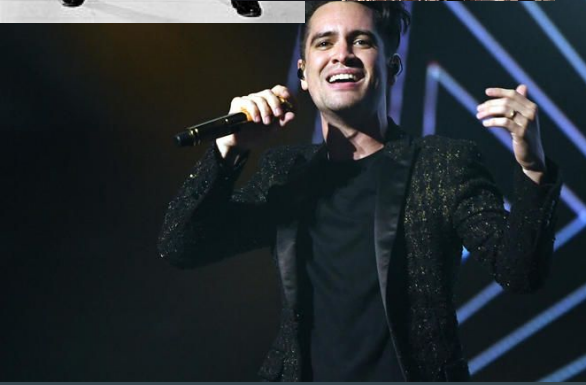
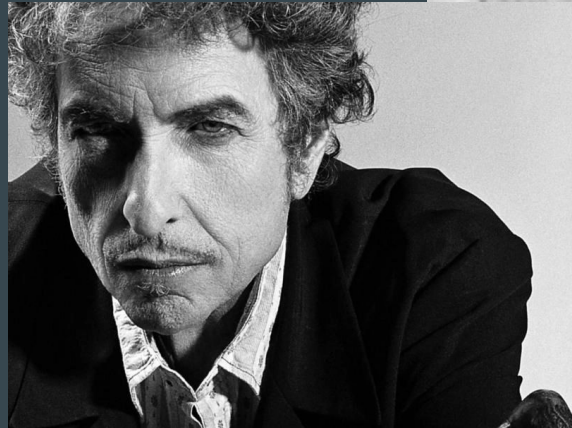
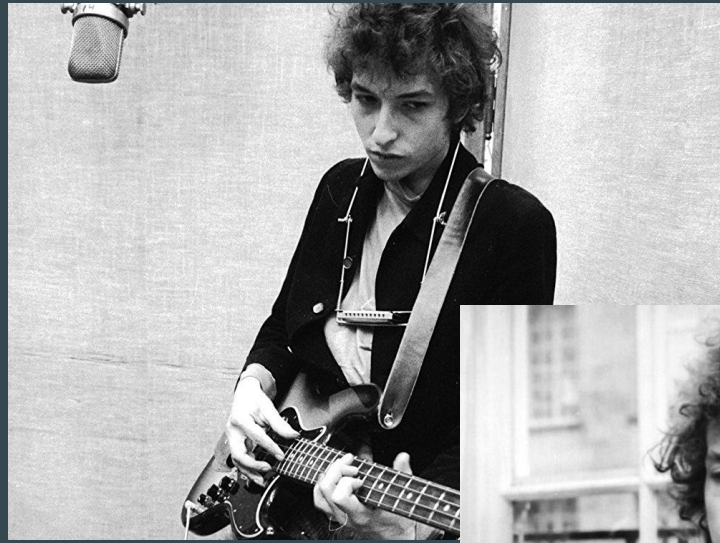


Poetry and Lyrics



Are lyrics literature?

- In 2016, Bob Dylan won the Nobel Prize in literature
- “For having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition” (*Nobel Prize*)



How many roads must a man walk down

Before you call him a man?

How many seas must a white dove sail

Before she sleeps in the sand?

Yes, 'n' how many times must the cannonballs fly

Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

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Yes, 'n' how many years can a mountain exist

Before it's washed to the sea?

Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist

Before they're allowed to be free?

Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head

And pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, 'n' how many times must a man look up

Before he can see the sky?

Yes, 'n' how many ears must one man have

Before he can hear people cry?

Yes, 'n' how many deaths will it take till he knows

That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind

Bob Dylan, released in 1963

Groups

Group #1: Identify point of view (Who do you think the speaker is?)

Group #2: Identify symbolism

Group #3: Identify similes and metaphors

Group #4: Identify allusions

Group #5: Identify examples of dialect

Group #6: Identify rhyme scheme

- Once you have discussed how this device is used in the poem and why it is important, choose one person from your group to share your findings with the class

Discussion

- Which device do you think reinforces the main themes of the poem the **best**? Why?
- What is a potential thesis statement?

Song

