

### Task 1 – Speaking

Work in pairs. Tell your partner a bit about yourself:

- Where and when you were born
- The school(s) you go/went to
- The place(s) where you have lived
- Other important events in your life so far

### Task 2 – Listening

Watch a video about Dylan Thomas' life. Listen and complete the information in the date and key life event columns.

Date	Key life events	Other information
Autumn 1933		
	Met Caitlin in a London pub	
July 1937		
	His first child was born	
Before the war	Worked for...	
During the war	Worked for...	
1946	Published...	
	Returned home to Swansea	
	Wrote <i>Return Journey</i>	
1949	Moved to Laugharne	

Now listen to it again and add any other information you can get from the recording.

### Task 3 – Speaking

Discuss the following questions in pairs or small groups.

- According to the speakers in the video, what influence did the war have on Dylan Thomas' life and work?
- Dylan Thomas did not want to go to war. In your opinion, was he right or wrong?

### Task 4 – Listening

Watch the video extract again, in which the speakers talk about the war years. Complete the sentences below.

- a. Dylan soon **(1)** .....that work was going to be tough during the war.
- b. He **(2)** ..... lucky to secure a job with Strand Films, in London.
- c. Dylan **(3)** ..... himself as busy as ever. Apart from his work at Strand Films, he also **(4)** ..... for a short time at the BBC and this organisation, the British Council.
- d. Even against the devastation of war, Dylan **(5)** ..... find new inspiration.
- e. The impact that the war **(6)** ..... on Dylan’s poetry was to be huge; it really **(7)** ..... his creative fires.

### Task 5 – Language work

Adverbials of time are words used to give coherence to a sequence of events. Study the paragraph below.

**In Spring** 1947, Dylan Thomas returned to Swansea, but it was a not a happy visit because the town had been devastated by the bombings **during** the war. **After** coming back to Swansea, he wrote a book called *Return Journey*. **When** Dylan Thomas realised that his home town would never be the same again, he decided to find a new home. He and Caitlin **then** moved to the coastal village of Laugharne.

Look back at Dylan Thomas’ life timeline in **Task 2**. Write sentences about his life in the period between Autumn 1933 and 1946. Use adverbials of time to link the events in your sentences.

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### Homework

Create a timeline for the life of a famous person you are familiar with. Then write a short biography based on it. Use adverbials of time. Bring the timeline and the text you wrote to your next lesson.