

## Dylan Thomas Timeline (Reading exercise)

<b>1914</b> October 27	October 27th: Dylan Marlais Thomas born at 5 Cwmdonkin Drive, Uplands, Swansea.  Older sister: Nancy Marles Thomas.  Parents: David John and Florrie Thomas (Both from Carmarthenshire, D.J.Thomas was senior English Master at Swansea Grammar School).	
1925	Primary school: Mrs Hole's 'Dame School' in Mirador Crescent.  Dylan entered Swansea Grammar School.	
1926	First prize for running the mile at Swansea Grammar School. He did not excel in his academic work but was a good actor and very good at creative writing in English.	
1931	Dylan became a junior reporter on the South Wales Daily Post. (This later became the South Wales Evening Post).	
1932	Dylan joined Swansea Little Theatre Company, based in Mumbles. He acted in a number of productions. December: Dylan left South Wales Daily Post to work full time on his poetry.  He became friends with a group of talented young Swansea men who met in the KARDOMAH café.	
	The Kardomah gang were: Vernon Watkins (poet), Daniel Jones (composer), Alfred Janes (artist), John Prichard, Tom Warner, Charlie Fisher, Mervyn Levy (artist) and Ronald Cour (artist).	



1934	November: Dylan moved to London.	
	December: His first book of poems appeared 18 poems.	
1937	July 11th: Dylan and Caitlin Macnamara married in Penzance, Cornwall.	
1938	May: Dylan and Caitlin moved to Laugharne to live.	
1939	30 January: Their first child was born. Llewelyn Edwouard Thomas.	
1940	Dylan and Caitlin moved to London where Dylan wrote propaganda films about the war.	
1943	3 March: Aeronwy Bryn Thomas, Dylan and Caitlin's second child, was born in London.	
1944	September: Dylan, Caitlin and children moved to New Quay, Ceredigion.  Dylan started to experiment with characters for one of his most famous works <i>Under Milk Wood</i> .	
1949	May: Dylan, Caitlin and family moved to the Boat House in Laugharne and his parents to a house opposite Brown's Hotel in Laugharne.  July 24th: Colm Garan Hart Thomas was born	
	Dylan wrote in a shed called 'The Writing Shed'. The view of the sea and the peace and quiet would help him to write.	



1950	February 20th: Dylan flew to New York to begin his first tour of the United States.	
	June 1st: Dylan returned to Britain on board the Queen Elizabeth having given at least 39 readings and lectures all over the USA and Canada.	
1953	April 21st: Dylan left for New York to begin his third American tour.  June 3rd: Dylan returned to London.  October 19th: Dylan left for New York to	Gua dona
	begin his fourth and final American tour.  October 29th: Dylan's last ever public engagement - a lunchtime reading at the City College of New York.	
	November 5th: Dylan collapsed at the Chelsea Hotel, New York.  November 9th: Dylan died at St Vincent's Hospital and Caitlin brought	
	his body back to Laugharne.  November 25th: Dylan's funeral at Laugharne.	
1954	January 25th: First BBC broadcast of Under Milk Wood - with Richard Burton starring as First Voice.	