

**STD X  
ENGLISH**

**Review and Assignments based on Victers Online Class on 24 /09/2020, Thursday 12.00 noon**

**'Blowin' in the Wind' by Bob Dylan, Episode - 2**

**Previous Assignments based on the class on Victers dated 22/09/2020 is here check your answers with these possible answers.**

**BOB DYLAN**

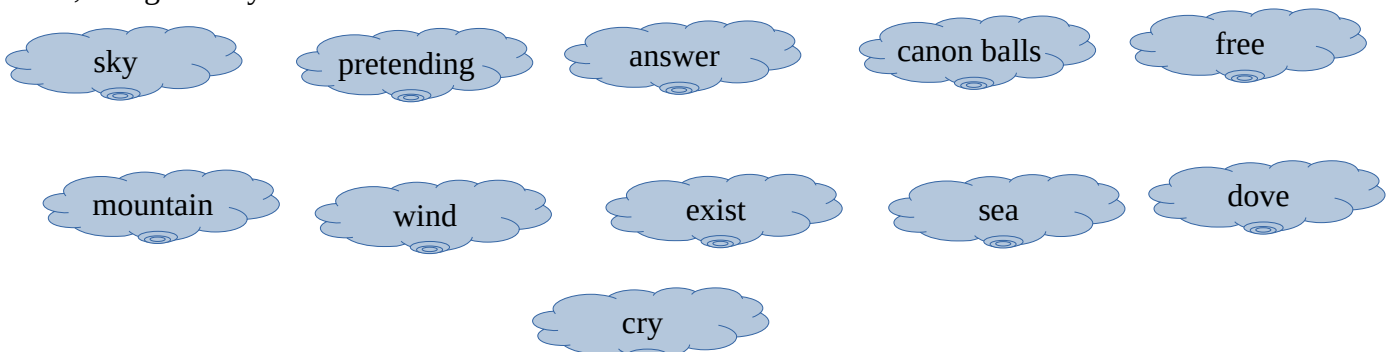


Bob Dylan, is an American singer, song writer, artist and writer who has been influential in popular music and culture for more than five decades. He was born on 24<sup>th</sup> May in Minnesota in US and was given the name Robert Allen Zimmerman. His parents are Abraham Zimmerman and Beatrice. Much of his most celebrated work chronicled social unrest of his age. Nevertheless, his early songs such as 'Blowin' in the Wind' and 'The Times They Are Changing' became the anthems for the American Civil Rights an anti-war movements. Dylan performs with guitar, keyboards, and harmonica. His accomplishments as a recording artist and performer have been central to his carrier, but song writing is considered his best contribution. Since 1994, Dylan has published six books of drawings and paintings and his work has been exhibited in major art galleries. As a musician, Dylan has sold more than 100 million records, making him one of the best-selling artists of all time. He has received number of awards including the Grammy, Golden Globe and Academy Award. The Pulitzer Prize Jury in 2008 awarded him a special citation for 'his profound impact on popular music and American culture marked by lyrical compositions of extra ordinary poetic power'. In May, 2012, Dylan received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2016, he was awarded with Nobel Prize in Literature.

**Based on the profile, prepare a bio-data of Bob Dylan**

Name	:	Bob Dylan
Date of Birth	:	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Place of Birth	:	Minnesota in US
Nationality	:	American (United States)
Popular as	:	American singer, song writer, artist, performs with guitar, keyboards, and harmonica.
Major Works	:	'Blowin' in the Wind' and 'The Times They Are Changing'
Achievements	:	Grammy, Golden Globe and Academy Award. The Pulitzer Prize (2008) Dylan received the Presidential Medal of Freedom (2012). Nobel Prize in Literature (2016).

Pick out the images used in the poem from the clouds below and classify them as visual, auditory, olfactory tactile, and gustatory.



<b>Ans: Visual images</b>	:	<b>sky, cannon balls, mountain, sea, dove,</b>
<b>Tactile image</b>	:	<b>wind</b>
<b>Auditory image</b>	:	<b>cry, answer</b>

**Now read the 1<sup>nd</sup> stanza of the poem and answer the following questions.**

1. What does the word 'roads' refer to here?

**Ans: Road refers to the journey of life and life experience.**

2. Do the questions given here demand a specific answer? What do you call such questions?

**Ans: No, these questions are called rhetorical questions. They only suggest an idea or confirm a statement or make a point.**

3. Why does the writer say that the answer is blowing in the wind?

**Ans: The answer is known to all and the answer is everywhere.**

**Review and Assignments based on Victors Online Class on 24/09/2020**

Dear students,

Did you watch the English class today? (24/09/2020). [Click here to watch the video](#). After watching the class and reading the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza of the poem and the summary given below try the following assignments.

**Let's take a Recap:**

**Hope you also watched the presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza of the song 'Blowing in the Wind'. This song inspired the Civil rights Movement in America. This song was composed by the famous American Song writer, singer and composer Bob Dylan. Today's class covered the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza of the poem. The class started with a recap of the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza. 'Blowin' in the Wind is a song of protest against injustice. It is an anti-war song. It is an anthem for the American Civil Rights Movements. Now can you replace the picture with the words from the poem?**

How many		must a		walk down	 before you call him a man? (road)
How many		must a		sail	
Yes, 'n' how many times must the				fly	Before they're forever banned? (cannon balls)

**Now let's discuss:**

**How does the poem begin? It begins with a question.**

**How many questions are there in the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza? Three questions.**

**How many roads must a man walk down  
Before you call him a man?**

**\*What does the expression 'before you call him man' suggest?**

**Ans: The expression means 'before a person becomes free or before a person is accepted as a human being. Here writer asks how long a man should suffer in life before he is considered as a human being, he is speaking about the injustice done to the black Americans. The road to freedom is full of suffering.**

**\*How many seas must a white dove sail  
Before she sleeps in the sand?**

**Ans: The dove should fly very far before it finds a safe shore to rest.**

**\* What does the expression 'sleep in the sand mean?**

**Ans: The poet asks how far the white dove has to sail before it finds a place to sleep safely and peacefully.**

**\* How is this line connected with the concerns of Civil Rights Movement?**

**Ans: The concerns of Civil Rights Movements were peace, freedom, justice and equality. The poet is asking how much hardships the oppressed will have to suffer to attain freedom.**

**\* Yes and how many times must the cannon balls fly  
Before they are forever banned?**

**What does 'Before they are forever banned' mean?**

**Ans:** *The expression means before the wars come to an end. The poet makes the point that wars must be banned or it must come to an end. He feels sorry that wars continue to be fought, but he longs for a day when freedom and peace will be established.*

*\* The answer my friend is blown' in the wind,*

*The answer is blowin' in the wind. (What does the poet imply?)*

**Ans:** *The poet implies that the answer is everywhere. But they are difficult to grab, or only very few attempt to grab them.*

**Poetic Devices in the 1<sup>st</sup> Stanza**

*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**?*

**Look at the words given in colour. Do you notice anything special about it?**

**Yes, the sound /m/ is repeated in the first line in three words. (**many, must, man**)**

**In the third line the sound /s / is repeated in two words. (**seas, sail**)**

**And in the fourth line the sound / s / is repeated in two words. (**sleeps, sand**)**

**This poetic device is called 'Alliteration'**

**What is 'Alliteration'?**

**Alliteration** is the repetition of identical consonant sound in closely connected words.

**Eg: Peter piper picked a peck of pickled pepper**

**A peck of pickled pepper Peter piper picked**

**അനുപ്രാസം:** ഒരു ശബ്ദലക്ഷണം, അതിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു പദത്തിലെ ഒരു വ്യഞ്ജന അക്ഷരം ആവർത്തിച്ച് വരുന്നു.

**ഉദാ:** കഞ്ചി അമ്മയ്ക്ക് അഞ്ചു മക്കളാണെ

അഞ്ചാമൻ ഓമന കഞ്ചുവാണെ

വഞ്ചിയിൽ പഞ്ചാര ചാക്കം വെച്ച്

തുഞ്ചത്തിരുന്ന തൃശ്ശൂർ കഞ്ചു

Now read the statements below and say whether they are 'True' or 'False'. If false correct the statements.

- 1) 'Blowin' in the wind' is a song of love. (False)
- 2) Bob Dylan is speaking in favour of war. (False)
- 3) 'Roads' stands for 'life experiences'. (True)
- 4) The poet suggests that a man doesn't need many experiences before he is called a man. (False)
- 5) 'White dove' in the stanza is a symbol of birds and animals. (False)
- 6) Bob Dylan is speaking of the hardships the oppressed might suffer before attaining freedom. (True)
- 7) 'White dove' sleeping in the sand' is a symbol. It implies the quest for freedom and peace. (True)
- 8) The poet argues that wars must be continued. (False)
- 9) 'Cannon balls' stands for weapons which are suggestive of war. (True)
- 10) Bob Dylan believes that there is no answer to these questions. (False)

**Corrected Statements**

- 1) 'Blowin' in The Wind is not a song of love. It is a song of protest and an anti-war song.
- 2) Bob Dylan is speaking against war, not for war.
- 3) 'Roads' stands for 'life experiences'.
- 4) Man needs a lot of experiences before he is called a man.
- 5) White dove in the stanza is a symbol of peace and freedom.
- 6) Bob Dylan is speaking of the hardships the oppressed might suffer before attaining freedom.
- 7) 'White dove' sleeping in the sand' is a symbol. It implies the quest for freedom and peace.
- 8) Bob Dylan says that war must be stopped.
- 9) 'Cannon balls' stands for weapons which are suggestive of war.
- 10) Bob Dylan believes that the answers are every where.

Based on the statements given above write a paraphrase of the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza.

Paraphrasing is expressing the meaning of (something written or spoken) using different words, especially to achieve greater clarity.

(പരാവർത്തനം: കവിയുടെ ഭംഗിയും ആശയവും വ്യക്തമാക്കത്തക്ക രീതിയിലുള്ള വിവരണം) Try it yourself.

Now read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stanza of the poem and answer the following questions. Refer the glossary also.

Yes, and how many years can a **mountain** exist

Before it is **washed to the sea**?

Yes, and how many years can some **people** exist

Before they're allowed to be **free**?

Yes, and 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.

What do these highlighted words or expression stands for in the poem? Let's discuss it one by one.

**Mountain:-** Mountain stands for pride, power supremacy and domination.

**Washed to the sea:-** Suppression and injustice cannot last for ever. No dominant forces can exist for ever. One day it will be washed to the sea. The sea stands for the strong protest of people that can bring about a change. The poet says that power of the dictators cannot withstand the protest and the united force of people.

**People exist:-** People cannot live when they are not free. They can only exist. He wants to suggest that one who is not free can only exist. The word 'exist' implies the suffering of the oppressed. The poet wonders how many years people have to suffer and exist before they get freedom. It refers to the denial of civil rights.

**Turn one's head:-** Ignore or deny the rights of people. How can the people in power be ignorant to the rights of the oppressed and the suffering or the marginalised.

**Pretend that he just doesn't see:-** The poet criticises those who pretend not to see the oppression, injustice and inequality.

**The New Words / Glossary (Refer the glossary while reading the poem)**

- exist - remain / live, especially under adverse conditions. (നിലനിൽക്കുക)
- washed - remove or be removed (നീക്കപ്പെടുക)
- allowed - declare or decide that (an event or activity) is legal or acceptable. (ശരിവയ്ക്കുക)
- turn his head - discard / deny (അവഗണിക്കുക)
- pretend - behave so as to make it appear that something is the case when in fact it is not (ഇല്ലാത്തകാര്യം ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഭാവിക്കുക)

Read the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza of the poem 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer the following questions

1. How is the question about the mountain related to the other two questions in Stanza 2?
2. Who may be the 'people' and 'man' referred to in Stanza 2? What is the attitude of the writer towards them?
3. Pick out lines from the song that refer to the denial of civil rights.
4. What attitude of the people is reflected in the refrain, 'The answer is blowin' in the wind.'

Dear students, do these Assignments and send it to my Whatsapp No. 9846082087

Thank You & Have a Nice Time

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