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It's Alright, Ma, **Bob Dylan** 

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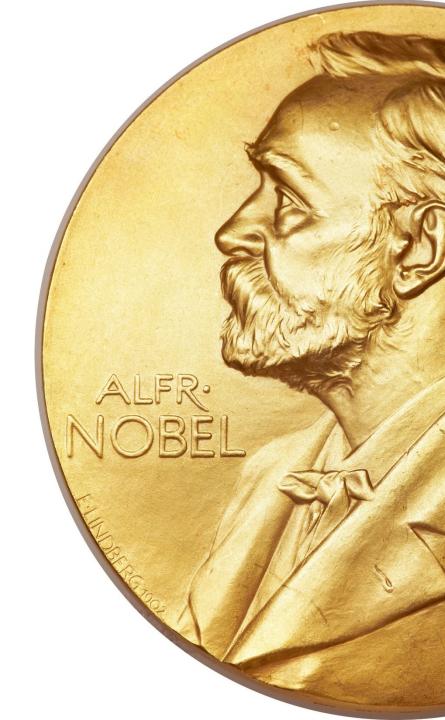
# The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan The Nobel Prize

### **Nobel Prize**

- Important history 1901
- Awarded 110 times to 114 individuals
- 6 different Nobel Prizes
- Reward of SEK 8,000,000
- Nobel Lecture mandatory

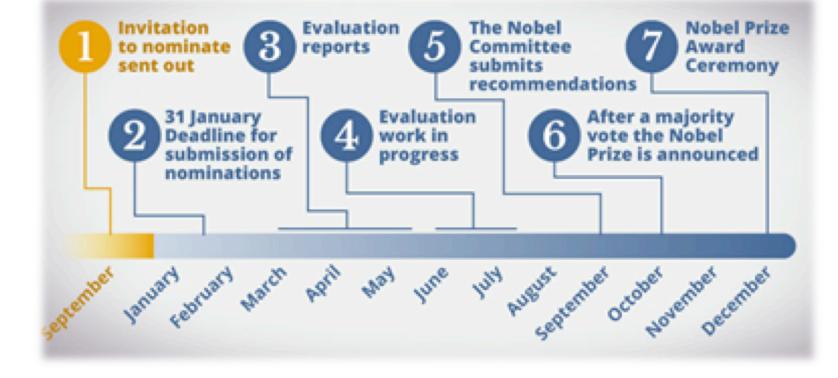
## Alfred Nobel's Will

• To the person who has produced in the field of literature the most outstanding work in an ideal direction.



# The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan How are the Nobel Prize winners chosen?

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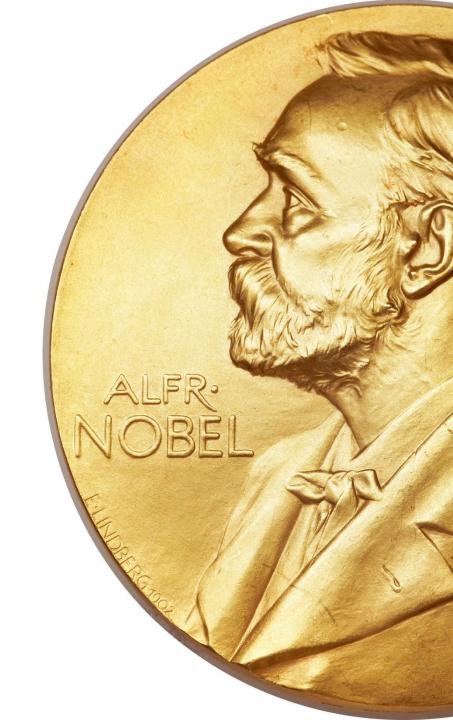


## The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan

# **The Nobel Prize in Literature**

- 1901-12 'A lofty and Sound Idealism'
- World War I A Policy of Neutrality
- The 1920s 'The Great Style'
- The 1930s 'Universal Interest'
- 1946-1977 'The Pioneers'
- 1978-1985 'Attention to Unknown Masters
- 1986-Nowadays 'Literature of the Whole World'

Expending worldwide: cultural idea of literature Embracing new styles without boarders



### The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan And the winner is...

"For the greatest benefit to mankind" Alfred Volut

The Swedish Academy has today decided to award the

# **2016 NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE**



"for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition"

Nobelprize.org

### BOB DYLAN

'For having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition'. – Nobelprize.org

#### First person ever who received:

- Nobel Prize
- A Pulitzer
- Grammy Oscars
- Golden Globe

### The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan The controversy

### Can song lyrics ever be poetry?

By Brian Wheeler BBC News, Washington DC

① 14 October 2016

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#### 2016 in review: Bob Dylan's bizarre Nobel Prize in Literature for song lyrics



the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature surprised many, but what happened afterwards surprised even more.

I'm a Dylan fan, but this is an ill conceived nostalgia award wrenched from the rancid prostates of senile, gibbering hippies.

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### The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan Reputation Analysis

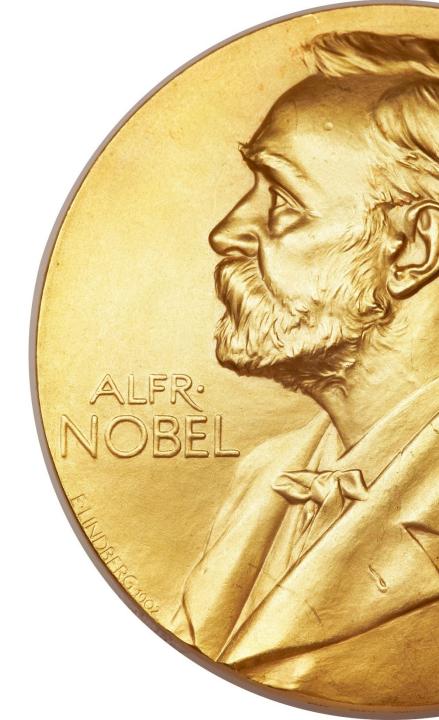
Did Bob Dylan's controversial behavior regarding his literature award affect the reputation of the Nobel Prize?



# The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan Management decision

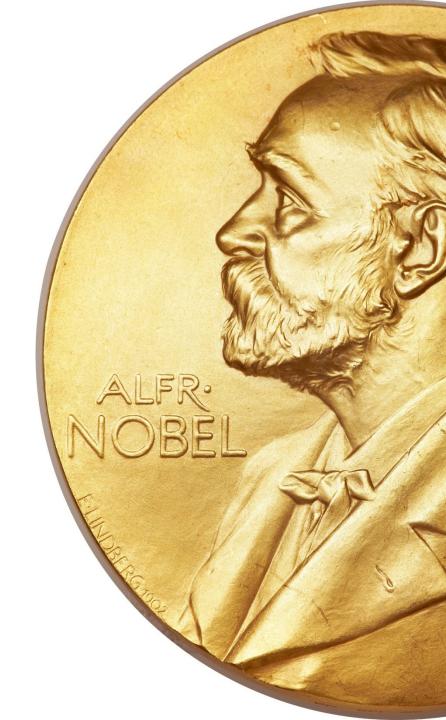
- Sent his friend 'Patti Smith
- His actions gain a big relevance in the eyes of the media & general public
- Mandatory lecture
- June 2017, Bob Dylan delivered his speech, evaluated as "extraordinary" and "eloquent" by the Swedish Academy, regarding his Nobel Prize in Literature.

"Spirits were high. Champagne was had," Sara confided, "Quite a bit of time was spent looking closely at the gold medal, in particular, the beautifully crafted back, an image of a young man sitting under a laurel tree who listens to the Muse," she added. "Taken from Virgil's Aeneid, the inscription reads: 'Inventas vitam iuvat excoluisse per artes,' loosely translated as 'And they who bettered life on earth by their newly found mastery'."



# The Nobel Prize vs Bob Dylan Thoughts?

What is your opinion about the final decision?



## Thank you! Questions?

