

DYLAN THOMAS BOATHOUSE

■ 6 The Twentieth Century – Part I (Extra Material on CD-ROM)



Before watching

1 Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea, South Wales. Find out the following facts about Wales:

1. Capital city
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2. Language/s spoken
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3. Population
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4. Main industries
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- 2 Wales, like Ireland, has its own language which is still spoken today by 20% of the population, although everyone also speaks English. Look at these road sign. Can you see any similarities between Welsh and English?



- 3 Dylan Thomas moved with his family to a small boathouse in the area of Wales known as the Gower Peninsula (see map). Think of 3 reasons why it may have given the writer inspiration for his work.

- 4 These words are mentioned in the video. Find their meanings in a dictionary and write them here:

1. controversial
2. rumour
3. shed
4. heron-crested
5. shore
6. scum

While watching

5 Choose the correct answer.

1. When did Dylan Thomas and his family move to this area?
☐ a) 1933
☐ b) 1949
☐ c) 1950
2. How many years did he live here?
☐ a) 3
☐ b) 7
☐ c) 4
3. Apart from being a writer and poet what other job did Dylan Thomas do?
☐ a) he was a broadcaster
☐ b) journalist
☐ c) actor

4. What is the name of the village near the Boathouse?
 - ☐ a) Laugharne
 - ☐ b) Anglesey
 - ☐ c) Mold
5. Where did Dylan Thomas do his writing?
 - ☐ a) in a small shed
 - ☐ b) in the Boathouse
 - ☐ c) in a pub
6. The speaker mentions her favourite work by Dylan Thomas. What is it?
 - ☐ a) *In Country Sleep*
 - ☐ b) *18 Poems*
 - ☐ c) *The Outing*

- 6 The speaker talks about a famous radio drama written by Dylan Thomas. What is its name?**

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After watching

- 7 Dylan Thomas is often described as the last of the 'damned poets.' Why? Find out about his life and the circumstances of his death etc.**

- 8 At the end of the video we hear what Thomas says about the area where he lived:**

'A black-magical bedlam by the sea, timeless and beautiful. There is nowhere like it anywhere at all.'

Bedlam: a mad place, a place of confusion. Why do you think he may have described this area like this?