



## Handout 3 - Love or Theft? A Structured Academic Controversy

### Activity Instructions:

1. Your group will be discussing the following question: "Was Bob Dylan an appropriate candidate for the Nobel Prize in Literature?"
2. Split your group into Side A and Side B. Give Side A Document Set 1, and give Side B Document Set 2.
3. Sides A and B will read through the essays and find three pieces of evidence to support their position (Side A responds "yes" to the question, Side B responds "no.") Each side presents its evidence and listens to the other side's findings without interrupting.
4. Side A and Side B then switch documents, and repeat the process so that Side A defends the "no" position and Side B defends the "yes" position, using at least one piece of new evidence.
5. Sides A and B abandon their assigned positions and have a "free" discussion about the question.