Brief Chronology of T.S. Eliot

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| **1888**  **1898**  **1905**  **1906-10**  **1910-11**  **1911-14**  **1914**  **1915**  **1916**  **1917**  **1919**  **1920**  **1921**  **1922**  **1925**  **1927**  **1928** | On September 26, Thomas Stearns Eliot was born in St. Louis, Missouri. His parents were Henry Ware and Charlotte Stearns Eliot.  T.S. Eliot attended Smith Academy in St. Louis  T.S. Eliot attended Milton Academy in Massachusetts  T.S. Eliot attended Harvard. He read Symons’s "The Symbolist Movement in Literature" and the poetry of Laforgue. He also studied with George Santayana and Irving Babbitt.  He spent a year at the Sorbonne in Paris. In the summer of 1911, T.S. Eliot finished a version of "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock."  T.S. Eliot once again attended Harvard, studying philosophy as a graduate student. He began his doctoral thesis on F.H. Bradley.  T.S. Eliot went to England on a fellowship. He met Ezra Pound.  On June 26, he married Vivien Haigh-Wood. He began publishing poems.  Eliot began working as a teacher at Highgate Junior School. He also lectured.  "Prufrock and Other Observation" appeared. Eliot took a position at Lloyds Bank in the Colonial and Foreign Department.  "Ara Vos Prec" was published. "Tradition and the Individual Talent" appeared in "The Egoist."  "The Sacred Wood" was published.  Eliot took a leave of absence from Lloyds Bank. He stayed at Margate and Lausanne. During this time, he finished drafts of "The Waste Land."  "The Waste Land" was published. The first issue of "Criterion" also appeared.  "Poems 1909-1925" was published. Eliot joined the publishing house of Faber & Gwyer.  T.S. Eliot becomes a member of the Church of England. T.S. Eliot also became a British citizen.  "For Lancelot Andrewes" was published. |

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| **1930**  **1932**  **1933**  **1934**  **1935**  **1936**  **1939**  **1940**  **1941**  **1942**  **1947**  **1948**  **1949**  **1953**  **1957**  **1958**  **1963**  **1965** | "Ash-Wednesday" was published.  "Selected Essays 1917-1932" was published.  "The Use of Poetry and the Use of Criticism" was published. He separated from Vivien.  "After Strange Gods" was published. "The Rock: A Pageant Play" was performed and published.  "Murder in the Cathedral" was performed.  "Collected Poems 1909-1935" was published.  "The Family Reunion" was performed. "The Idea of a Christian Society" was published.  "East Coker" was published.  "The Dry Salvages" was published.  "Little Gidding" was published.  Vivien Eliot died.  T.S. Eliot won the Nobel Prize for Literature. "Notes Towards the Definition of Culture" was published.  "The Cocktail Party" was performed.  "The Confidential Clerk" was performed.  On January 10, T.S. Eliot married Valerie Fletcher. "On Poetry and Poets" was published.  "The Elder Statesman" was performed.  "Collected Poems 1909-1962" appeared.  On January 4, T.S. Eliot died. |