

Croctic Puzzle

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Answer the clues; transfer the letters on the numbered dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the diagram. Work back and forth between the grid and the word list to complete the puzzle. The finished puzzle will spell out a quotation reading from left to right; black squares separate the words in the quotation. The “croctic” part of the puzzle (“croctic” derived from the Greek, meaning “head”) is that the first letters of the answers will spell out the name of the source of the author and the source of the quotation. For tips on solving or other questions, e-mail croctic@lycos.com.

1	Q		2	O	3	R	4	A	5	P	6	F		7	I	8	K	9	L	10	G	11	J	12	F	13	P	14	U	15	H	16	C	17	R		18	V		19	A					
20	M	21	O	22	U		23	V	24	G	25	B	26	U		27	E	28	F	29	R	30	J	31	B	32	C	33	P		34	M	35	V		36	I		37	J						
38	P	39	M	40	K	41	C		42	N	43	B	44	I		45	S	46	I	47	N		48	N	49	T	50	P	51	H	52	J	53	V	54	K	55	R		56	F					
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129	R	130	K	131	C	132	J		133	C	134	L	135	G	136	P	137	T	138	K	139	R	140	D	141	H	142	J		143	P	144	F	145	J	146	L	147	M	148	H	149	C			
150	A	151	G	152	K	153	B	154	R	155	D		156	A	157	O	158	U		159	H	160	R	161	J	162	P	163	K	164	A	165	L		166	L	167	J	168	R	169	U				

A. Kind of malamute

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
82 19 109 164 4 156 150

B. Did the job of a hunting dog

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
125 43 153 61 74 31 25

C. Western lands or regions

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
57 131 32 149 133 41 16 67

D. Kind of terrier or spaniel

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
98 140 92 66 111 105 155

E. Be in conflict or contention

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
112 27 72 75 110 100

F. Thick-coated breed originating in Holland

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
122 144 28 12 68 64 56 6

G. What they call a German Shepherd in England

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
151 113 135 24 10 60 69 96

H. Kind of schnauzer or pinscher

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
148 15 141 128 121 89 51 116 159

I. Large slender dog with a pointed muzzle

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
36 7 44 46 71 70

J. When spooky things are said to happen (4 wds)

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
145 59 142 161 132 11 97 167

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
30 117 52 37 91 120

K. Mediterranean delicacy with capers and olives

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
152 8 138 54 130 102 40 163

L. Kind of foxhound, setter or bulldog

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
146 9 62 166 134 165 80

M. Actor Giovanni

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
147 95 34 39 85 20

N. Susan Orleans' "The ___ Thief"

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
47 48 90 78 118 42

O. Custardy Mexican dessert

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
21 2 84 157

P. Fall treat with striped, leathery exterior (2 wds)

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
143 5 162 13 136 126 33

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
88 124 50 38 115 104 94

Q. Kind of setter or wolfhound

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
1 65 107 106 99

R. Hunting breed favored by L.L. Bean models (2 wds)

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
17 154 139 55 129 160 29 93

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
58 87 3 114 168 123 103

S. Brightly colored salamander

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
76 79 45 119

T. Summer refresher (2 wds)

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
137 86 49 83 127 101 73

U. Used a small extracting device

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
77 108 169 22 14 26 158

V. To complain in an irritating manner

___ ___ ___ ___ ___
35 18 23 63 81 53