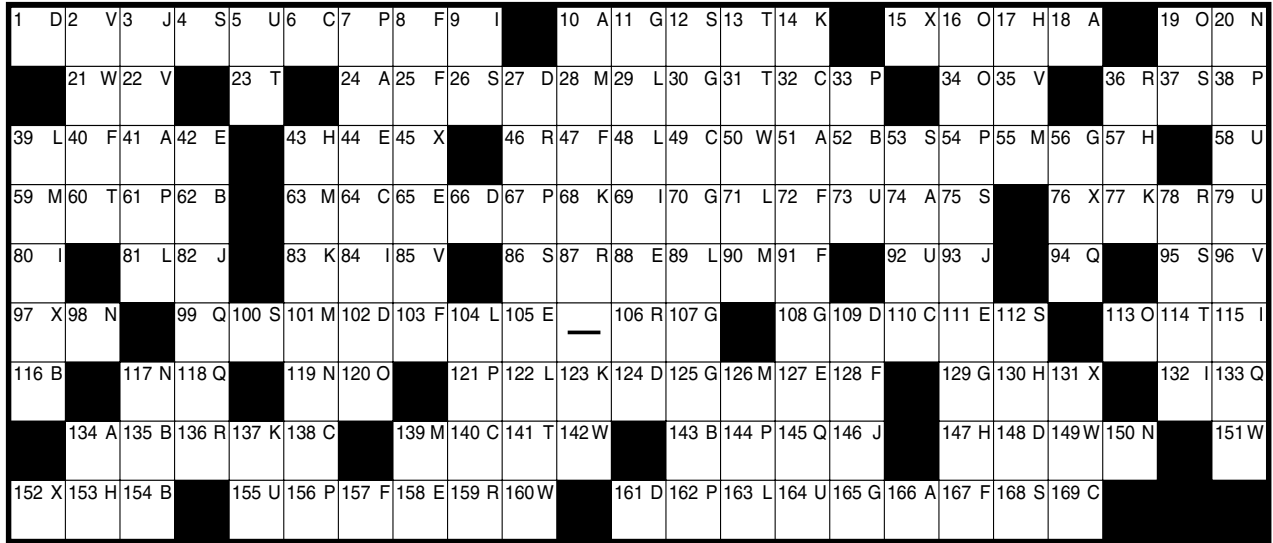


Croctic Puzzle

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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 author and the source of the quotation.

For tips on solving or other questions, e-mail croctic@lycos.com.



A. Flaxen-haired ones

10 41 134 166 51 74 18 24

B. Won back, as a military position

52 116 143 135 154 62

C. Confused; deranged

110 64 140 49 6 169 32 138

D. Mall denizens

102 148 109 27 124 1 66 161

E. The British call this a “bob”

105 44 127 42 111 158 88 65

F. Famed American inventor (1765-1825) (full name)

47 8 72 91 25 167 40 128 103 157

G. Cahn/Van Heusen song immortalized by Sinatra (3 wds)

70 56 125 165 11 30 108 129 107

H. How many in a score

147 43 17 130 153 57

I. Sister Kate’s dance in old song

80 132 84 69 115 9

J. Swim alternative

93 3 82 146

K. Where “Gott” resides

83 77 68 123 14 137

L. Veterans; geezers (2 wds.)

122 48 89 71 81 163 29 104 39

M. They’re left on the cutting room floor

90 63 59 139 126 28 55 101

N. “My Cousin Vinny” actress Marisa

119 20 150 98 117

O. Philosopher of a Greek school

16 19 120 34 113

P. Dictatorial; authoritarian

67 156 54 162 121 33 144 7 38 61

Q. Trekkers’ destination

118 133 99 94 145

R. It has ruined many a foreign film

46 136 106 36 87 159 78

S. TV show that featured Jerry Orbach (3 wds)

75 53 86 100 168 4 26 37 112 12 95

T. Princess in Greek mythology; moon of Jupiter

141 60 13 114 31 23

U. Cause of fonder hearts?

92 155 58 164 79 73 5

V. Where women are from, says author Gray

2 22 35 96 85

W. Diminishing

149 50 21 151 142 160

X. Long Island and Puget, for example

76 45 15 152 131 97