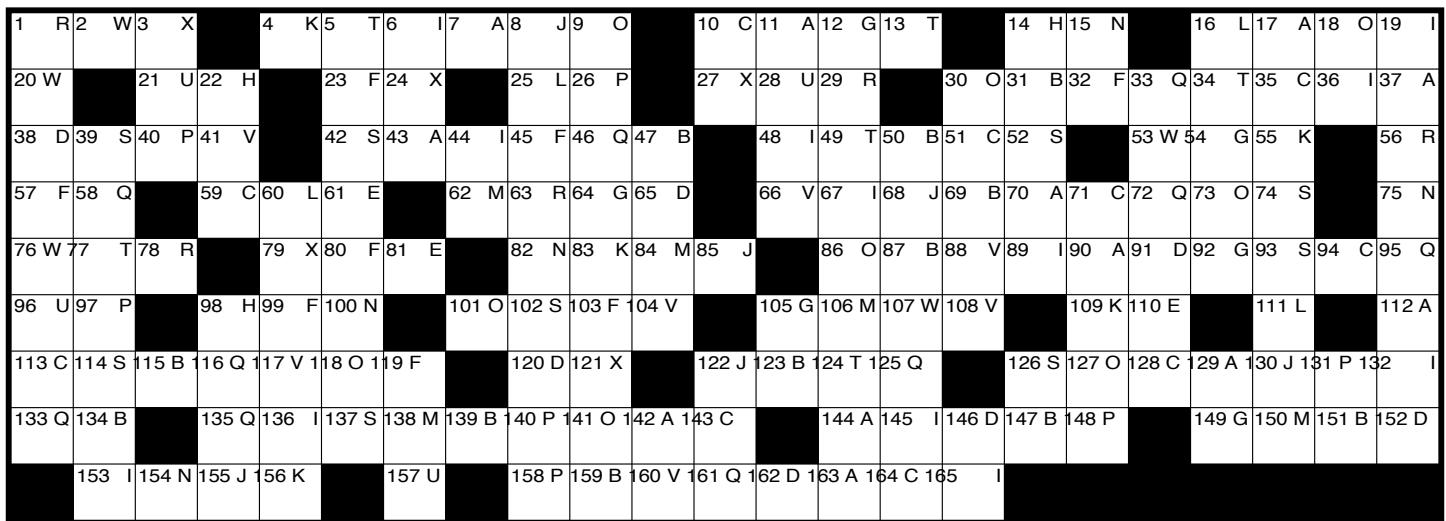


# Vermont Crostic Puzzle

by Rick Winston

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 (from a Vermont author or on a Vermont theme) reading from left to right; black squares separate the words in the quotation. **The “crostic” part of the puzzle (“crostic” derived from the Greek, meaning “head”) is that the first letters of the clued answers, reading down, will spell out the name of the author and/or the source of the quotation.** The puzzle will appear every second and fourth Sunday; for tips on solving or other questions, e-mail [crostic@lycos.com](mailto:crostic@lycos.com).



A. Bing Crosby offer: "Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_" (4 words)

— 37 90 129 142 70 — 43 163 144 112 — 7 11 17

M. They say "procrastination is the \_\_\_\_\_ of time"

— 62 150 106 84 138 —

B. Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan film, 1998 (three words)

— 134 31 — 87 123 139 115 — 69 47 159 151 50 147 —

N. Pulsation — 75 154 100 15 — 82

C. Signal of doom (two words)

— 128 35 — 59 143 10 — 94 71 164 113 — 51

O. Idle person (slang)

— 118 127 73 — 9 86 18 30 141 101 —

D. Zilch; nada

— 152 120 38 — 91 162 65 146 —

P. Fashion (or pirate) accessory

— 148 131 40 140 158 26 — 97

E. "Spring ahead" setting

— 81 61 110 —

Q. Maurice Sendak classic: "Where the \_\_\_\_\_ Are" (two words)

— 58 95 133 135 33 — 116 72 125 161 46 —

F. Chess or checkers phrase (two words)

— 119 57 23 32 103 99 — 80 45 —

R. "\_\_\_\_\_beginning ...." (two words)

— 1 56 78 63 29 —

G. Mormons aka "\_\_\_\_ Day Saints"

— 54 92 105 149 64 — 12

S. Elemental energy (two words)

— 52 114 137 39 — 42 102 126 93 — 74 —

H. Salamander phase

— 22 98 — 14

T. Serious lack

— 13 124 77 — 5 49 34 —

I. Eugene O'Neill comedy set in Connecticut, 1906 (two words)

— 36 89 153 136 132 165 67 — 44 145 6 19 48 —

U. Governmental wellness agency (acronym)

— 96 157 21 — 28 —

J. Some immigrants try to lose it

— 155 130 68 122 85 — 8

V. It was important to be this in a Wilde play

— 104 160 66 — 41 108 88 — 117 —

K. Jumped

— 55 83 109 — 4 156 —

W. Mormon patriarch Joseph

— 20 107 53 — 2 76 —

L. Early Peruvian

— 25 60 — 16 111 —

X. Adventurous kind of poker

— 3 27 121 79 — 24 —

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