

Vermont Crostic 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 (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.

1	R	2	W	3	X		4	K	5	T	6	I	7	A	8	J	9	O		10	C	11	A	12	G	13	T		14	H	15	N		16	L	17	A	18	O	19	I						
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A. Bing Crosby offer: “Would you like to _____” (4 words)

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

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

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

C. Signal of doom (two words)

128 35 59 143 10 94 71 164 113 51

D. Zilch; nada

152 120 38 91 162 65 146

E. “Spring ahead” setting

81 61 110

F. Chess or checkers phrase (two words)

119 57 23 32 103 99 80 45

G. Mormons aka “_____Day Saints”

54 92 105 149 64 12

H. Salamander phase

22 98 14

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

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

J. Some immigrants try to lose it

155 130 68 122 85 8

K. Jumped

55 83 109 4 156

L. Early Peruvian

25 60 16 111

M. They say “procrastination is the _____of time”

62 150 106 84 138

N. Pulsation

75 154 100 15 82

O. Idle person (slang)

118 127 73 9 86 18 30 141 101

P. Fashion (or pirate) accessory

148 131 40 140 158 26 97

Q. Maurice Sendak classic: “Where the _____ Are” (two words)

58 95 133 135 33 116 72 125 161 46

R. “_____beginning” (two words)

1 56 78 63 29

S. Elemental energy (two words)

52 114 137 39 42 102 126 93 74

T. Serious lack

13 124 77 5 49 34

U. Governmental wellness agency (acronym)

96 157 21 28

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

104 160 66 41 108 88 117

W. Mormon patriarch Joseph

20 107 53 2 76

X. Adventurous kind of poker

3 27 121 79 24

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