

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	Q		2	K	3	E	4	O		5	H	6	L	7	K	8	D	9	P	10	A	11	R	12	B	13	C		14	F	15	C	16	G	17	R		18	L	19	D	20	B	21	M	22	P	
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A. Gravel-voiced bluesman born Chester Burnett (two words)

167 81 76 101 10 110 185 95 136 149 23

B. “That’s All Right Mama” was his first big hit (full name)

12 47 128 103 20 148 105 61 123 138 91 34

C. Hoagy Carmichael classic (two words)

164 182 33 147 108 15 85 125 13

D. Oddness; idiosyncrasy

46 70 92 8 133 66 116 172 126 112 155 19

E. Seasonal song, “Feliz_____”

68 77 60 121 90 3 114

F. Question often posed in elocution class (four words)

156 132 80 65 117 135 107 43 144 14 183 173 177 159

G. Voiced aloud

87 97 122 37 16 57 69

H. Idea held to be above criticism (two words)

5 184 54 146 160 120 88 27 51

I. Carpentry necessity

52 67 63 181 41 38

J. Ingest

175 99 58

K. Rodgers and Hart standard “Isn’t it _____”

72 35 7 102 32 42 24 2

L. According to some, like many CEOs

6 45 129 62 151 109 18 100 186

119 143 170 111 31 83

M. Reacting in an irrational way (two words, slang)

29 130 48 115 127 21 104 82 178 158

N. Froth; lather

154 59 79 56

O. Stars of “Stop Making Sense,” _____ Heads

26 157 165 89 96 4 171

P. The practice of garden management

98 64 49 9 106 176 118 22 134 137 30 84

Q. Title role for Madonna, 1996

141 36 1 166 142

R. Fairlee attraction (two words)

179 44 17 152 11 93 145 113 74

S. Newspaper or magazine honcho

168 86 153 39 55 161

T. New Jersey city, Perth _____

28 169 140 53 78

U. Direction toward the water

50 162 75 174 163 73 180

V. Odd-jobs person

40 150 124 139 94 131 71 25

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