

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.

1	B	2	N	3	L	4	P		5	D	6	C	7	I	8	G		9	T	10	H	11	U	12	R	13	Q		14	T	15	G	16	I	17	F	18	H	19	C	20	M	21	D	22	U			
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168	K	169	D	170	H	171	C	172	J	173	U	174	F		175	S	176	C	177	N	178	E		179	R	180	I	181	A	182	B																		

- A. Symbol of degradation
63 162 82 92 181 32
- B. Intelligent machines
60 132 143 138 1 182
- C. How pitchers pitch, punters punt, runners run, etc.

19 105 171 41 6 127 68 106 146 160 176 78
- D. Leaving home, colloquially (three words)

101 35 169 21 71 44 5 114 107 129 73 153 119
- E. That “having butterflies” feeling

30 80 159 139 90 178 46 112
- F. Dr. Seuss villain (two words)

99 93 17 174 111 38 62 69 55
- G. “Beats me” (two words)

8 15 40 166 66 98 136 108 124 49 148
- H. After-school activities

97 118 170 18 10 39 110 67 163

126 145 45 135 155 27
- I. Eggy breakfast dish (two words)

42 103 165 16 7 140 37 180 64 130 109
- J. Neither here nor there (two words)

172 23 59 164 95 85 47 76 28
- K. Fire preceder? (two words)

168 117 26 154 100 134 128 65
- L. Wiry but muscular
72 3 151 56 96 156
- M. Boxers don’t want to be down for this (two words)

20 50 120 158 31 147 89 152
- N. Of inferior quality; tasteless
52 2 84 94 177 24
- O. Affixes; aides
53 131 113 79 74 83 25 157
- P. 1971 Eastwood film, “Play ___ for Me”
142 150 4 137 87
- Q. With good manners
33 51 125 43 133 115 57 13
- R. With great enthusiasm
86 12 88 179 81 116
- S. Like a new jigsaw puzzle (two words)

75 54 58 61 141 121 175 29
- T. Infamous style of march (two words)

14 34 91 104 167 9 122 149 123
- U. Religious order newcomers

173 22 11 102 161 36 70 77 144 48