

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.

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A. Thick-coated dog breed
 120 8 144 57 141 44 78 133

B. Enlightenment-seeking group of the 1970s (initials)
 35 139 32

C. Home of the “Radio Rangers” (initials)
 81 31 2 124

D. 2008 film featuring several Bob Dylans (three words)

 85 165 58 111 7 28 129 119 96 80

E. In music, short sharp notes

 42 21 130 115 19 29 63 14

F. Equine equipment
 22 117 100 13 18 67

G. Heron relative
 138 34 72 83

H. Yale motto “ et Veritas”
 66 62 16

I. Cuban-born BoSox star of the 1970s (full name)

 113 56 91 36 71 156 105 167 143

J. Salon treatments
 73 64 97 158 82 164 54

K. Sailor’s saint (or ticklish Muppet)
 6 65 153 61

L. Literary saga featuring the Joad clan (four words)

 116 93 43 10 118 160 17 166 74

 25 150 104 145 134 49 70

M. Star known for “El Cid” and “Ben-Hur” (full name)

 110 149 121 38 159 168 95 79 46 15 107 12 98 52

N. Woodlot activity
 137 114 24 163 136 69

O. Idle or Holder
 23 5 41 86

P. Start of farm day, often
 131 154 45 30

Q. Feeling poorly (three words)

 37 89 60 109 161 122 11 77

 135 146 162 20 50 4 26

R. Carnegie-Mellon locale
 39 123 148 55 155 94 9 108 53 127

S. Infection also known as *Pétasse tropica*
 106 88 126 84

T. New Mexico bomb test site

 102 112 147 157 75 92 152 40 101 128

U. Presently
 48 33 1

V. Middle Eastern carpet
 87 51 140 68 76

W. Vase-shaped pitchers
 59 3 47 151 142

X. Cleverly avoids
 125 103 99 132 90 27