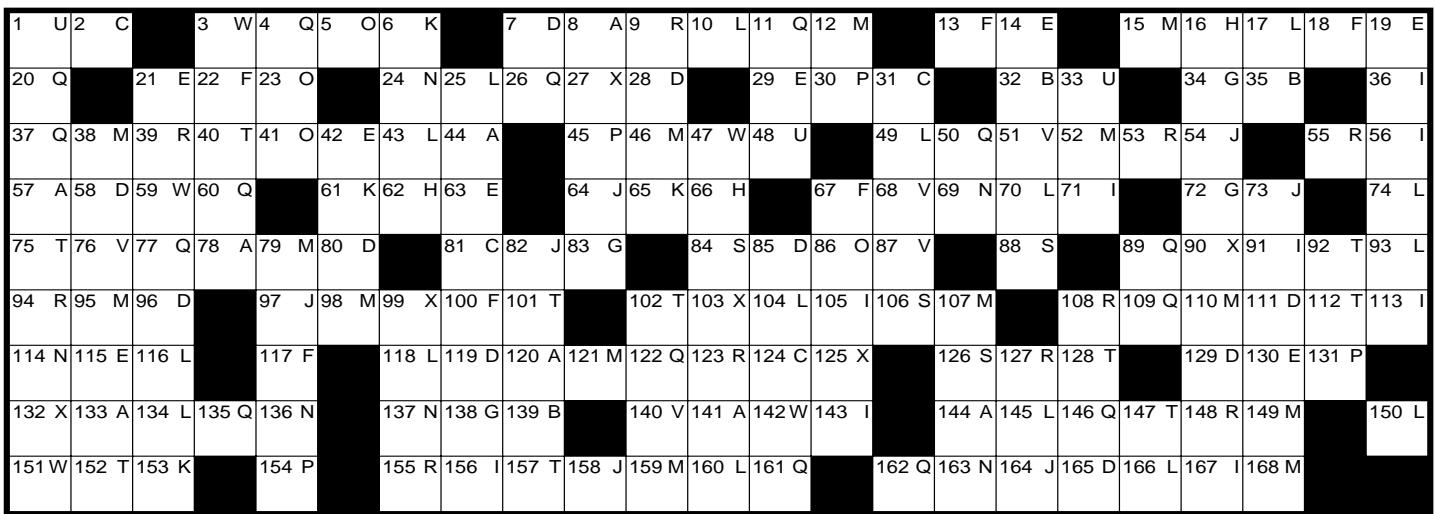


# Vermont Crostic Puzzle

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. Thick-coated dog breed

120 8 144 57 141 44 78 133

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

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

35 139 32

N. Woodlot activity

137 114 24 163 136 69

C. Home of the “Radio Rangers” (initials)

81 31 2 124

O. Idle or Holder

23 5 41 86

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

85 165 58 111 7 28 129 119 96 80

P. Start of farm day, often

131 154 45 30

E. In music, short sharp notes

42 21 130 115 19 29 63 14

Q. Feeling poorly (three words)

37 89 60 109 161 122 11 77

F. Equine equipment

22 117 100 13 18 67

135 146 162 20 50 4 26

G. Heron relative

138 34 72 83

R. Carnegie-Mellon locale

39 123 148 55 155 94 9 108 53 127

H. Yale motto “\_\_\_ et Veritas”

66 62 16

S. Infection also known as *Pétasse tropica*

106 88 126 84

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

113 56 91 36 71 156 105 167 143

T. New Mexico bomb test site

102 112 147 157 75 92 152 40 101 128

J. Salon treatments

73 64 97 158 82 164 54

U. Presently

48 33 1

K. Sailor’s saint (or ticklish Muppet)

6 65 153 61

V. Middle Eastern carpet

87 51 140 68 76

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

116 93 43 10 118 160 17 166 74

W. Vase-shaped pitchers

59 3 47 151 142

25 150 104 145 134 49 70

X. Cleverly avoids

125 103 99 132 90 27

**Answers on Page D4**