

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	D	2	S	3	L		4	F	5	B	6	R	7	Q	8	A	9	U		10	K	11	G	12	D	13	Z	14	Y		15	T	16	F	17	W		18	A	19	U							
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A. High-quality champagne (two words)

112 25 18 69 162 44 154 58 135 8 143

B. Turow’s law school account (two words)

96 91 5 129

C. Horse that’s seen better days

159 61 156

D. Swampy area

1 102 12 121 98

E. Government revenue agency (initials)

157 141 149

F. Fatalistic expression (four words)

164 16 111 65 22 43 84 32 51 142 4 152

G. To credit or ascribe (three words)

45 153 168 54 144 117 33 11 126

H. “Red flannel” item

80 107 20 52

I. Sword of Arthurian legend

165 103 67 118 55 72 131 122 101

J. Strayhorn/Ellington classic (two words)

47 90 114 138 62 171 71 59

K. Opening gambit of a delicate conversation (two words)

86 31 115 147 10 53 73 124

L. Mind-altering drug (initials)

130 89 3

M. Whitman: “_____the Body Electric” (two words)

78 106 148 150 30

N. Cause for an R rating

81 100 134 145 36 170 26 128

O. One form of coffee

140 172 120 97 49 24 21

P. Sentence building block

123 160 93 39

Q. Having the least carbon footprint

173 116 87 146 23 75 7 137

R. Below

46 163 136 113 35 57 70 6 29 83

S. Young hens

94 2 74 104 139 40 88

T. Intone

85 42 68 155 15

U. With frequency

19 158 161 99 9

V. Popular cake variety (two words)

34 110 60 169 76 48 109 151 127 64

W. Salamander

108 17 77 95

X. Playwright Williams

167 56 119 50 27 66 37 82 132

Y. Holds onto

166 105 79 63 38 28 14

Z. Northern territory

133 125 92 41 13

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