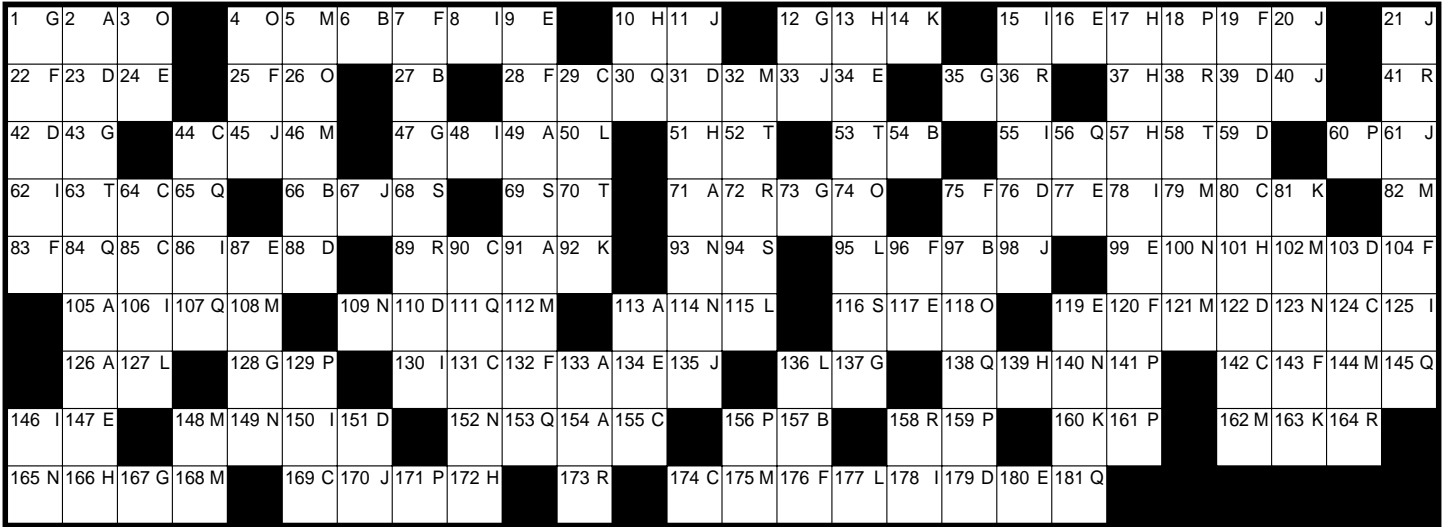


# Vermont Crostic Puzzle by Rick Winston

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. British exclamation of frustration (three words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
133 154 71 2 126 105 113 49 91

B. Elite Connecticut prep school

\_\_\_\_\_  
6 66 54 27 157 97

C. Russia’s Georgian-born “Man of Steel” (full name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
44 169 174 29 142 80 124 85 131 64 90 155

D. Famed body part in Greek mythology (two words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
122 31 59 42 151 23 179 88 110 76 103 39

E. Demagogic agitator (hyphenated)

\_\_\_\_\_  
34 77 119 99 24 134 87 117 16 180 147 9

F. Composer noted for operettas and “light music” (full name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
96 22 176 28 83 104 75 120 132 25 143 19 7

G. Midwest university (two words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
128 137 47 73 43 1 35 12 167

H. Refreshing body cleanser (two words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
101 166 10 37 139 172 51 57 17 13

I. Silent observer in 1967 Beatles song (four words, with “The”)

\_\_\_\_\_  
15 86 62 78 8 178 55 130 125 106 48 146 150

J. Ken Kesey’s “\_\_\_\_\_ the Cuckoo’s Nest” (three words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
45 98 33 11 40 20 21 67 170 61 135

K. Philippine battle site, 1944

\_\_\_\_\_  
92 14 81 160 163

L. Sometime whistler

\_\_\_\_\_  
177 95 127 136 50 115

M. In which Joe Buck met Ratso Rizzo (two words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
168 175 82 108 102 162 32 79 121 144 148 46 5 112

N. Utterance preceding “Then fall, Caesar!” (three words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
140 109 152 123 93 114 100 165 149

O. Montpelier-born hero of 1898 war

\_\_\_\_\_  
4 3 118 26 74

P. “Hmm... could be” (two words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
156 129 18 60 141 161 159 171

Q. Epic James Michener novel

\_\_\_\_\_  
84 153 65 181 30 145 56 107 138 111

R. Dickens opening: “\_\_\_\_\_ best of times...” (three words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
158 72 89 173 36 164 41 38

S. Brightly colored salamander

\_\_\_\_\_  
116 94 68 69

T. Center of attention in Florida?

\_\_\_\_\_  
52 63 58 70 53

**Answers on Page D4**