

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. (A note of apology: the puzzle of 8/24 had an incorrect clue, as “Ethan Frome” is set in Western Massachusetts and not in Vermont.)

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| 20 | W | 21 | Y | | 22 | D | 23 | A | 24 | P | 25 | S | 26 | G | 27 | T | 28 | B | | 29 | C | 30 | O | 31 | X | 32 | S | 33 | L | 34 | B | 35 | T | 36 | G | 37 | H | 38 | F | 39 | I |
| 40 | D | | 41 | O | 42 | S | 43 | L | 44 | B | 45 | K | 46 | W | 47 | C | 48 | F | 49 | D | | 50 | A | 51 | Q | 52 | J | 53 | Y | | 54 | W | 55 | T | | 56 | U | 57 | F | | |
| 58 | X | 59 | R | 60 | G | | 61 | J | 62 | X | 63 | F | 64 | U | 65 | R | | 66 | E | 67 | G | 68 | K | 69 | A | | 70 | N | 71 | K | 72 | J | | 73 | E | 74 | Q | 75 | N | | |
| | 76 | K | 77 | E | 78 | V | | 79 | Y | 80 | D | 81 | O | 82 | C | 83 | L | 84 | S | 85 | H | 86 | G | | 87 | C | 88 | X | 89 | S | 90 | O | 91 | B | 92 | U | 93 | H | 94 | F | |
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| 113 | G | 114 | L | 115 | S | | 116 | H | 117 | M | 118 | I | 119 | R | | 120 | I | 121 | U | 122 | Q | 123 | J | | 124 | S | 125 | I | 126 | X | 127 | L | 128 | O | 129 | B | 130 | Q | | | |
| 131 | M | 132 | R | 133 | W | | 134 | T | 135 | B | 136 | L | 137 | S | 138 | A | 139 | Y | 140 | C | 141 | D | 142 | I | | 143 | V | 144 | N | | 145 | D | 146 | L | 147 | S | 148 | O | 149 | I | |
| 150 | H | 151 | Q | 152 | X | 153 | C | 154 | B | 155 | F | | 156 | F | 157 | L | 158 | O | | 159 | B | 160 | L | 161 | X | 162 | N | 163 | H | 164 | C | 165 | D | 166 | S | 167 | T | 168 | O | 169 | A |

- A. City where “Hello, Dolly” is set
103 50 6 69 169 23 138
- B. Like Michael Phelps at the Olympics
154 44 34 11 159 135 99 91 129 28
- C. CIA agent, say
164 29 153 140 10 102 47 82 87
- D. Bette Davis classic that takes its title from Walt Whitman (two words)
165 145 22 18 5 40 97 49 141 80
- E. Some get from the web, others from TV
73 77 66 9
- F. Take over by degrees
155 48 94 38 63 156 107 57
- G. Flourish; evolve
86 26 1 60 36 67 113
- H. Become adjusted, as to a place
37 150 163 116 93 4 14 96 85
- I. Ostentatious
39 149 118 125 142 120
- J. Lambs’ moms
123 61 52 72
- K. Tall tale
76 71 68 45
- L. Screen portrayer of Blanche DuBois (full name)
146 33 160 101 19 157 114 136 83 43 127
- M. Utter; bring forth
106 112 117 131
- N. Creator of Alexander Portnoy
162 144 75 70
- O. He played opposite actress in Clue L (full name)
168 30 148 100 81 105 41 13 108 90 158 128
- P. A newspaper section, familiarly
104 98 24 16 110
- Q. Iran-Contra figure Oliver
51 74 122 130 151
- R. Partner of those
7 132 65 59 119
- S. Where to see Jets and Sharks (three words)
124 147 166 32 137 17 84 42 95 25 89 3 115
- T. Split
55 35 134 12 167 27 2
- U. One answer to “Who’s there?” (two words)
111 56 64 92 121
- V. Hair or eyeglasses option
78 8 109 143
- W. Famed British “public school”
133 20 54 46
- X. Rebound off a surface
31 152 15 58 88 62 161 126
- Y. Mulligatawny, for example
53 21 139 79

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