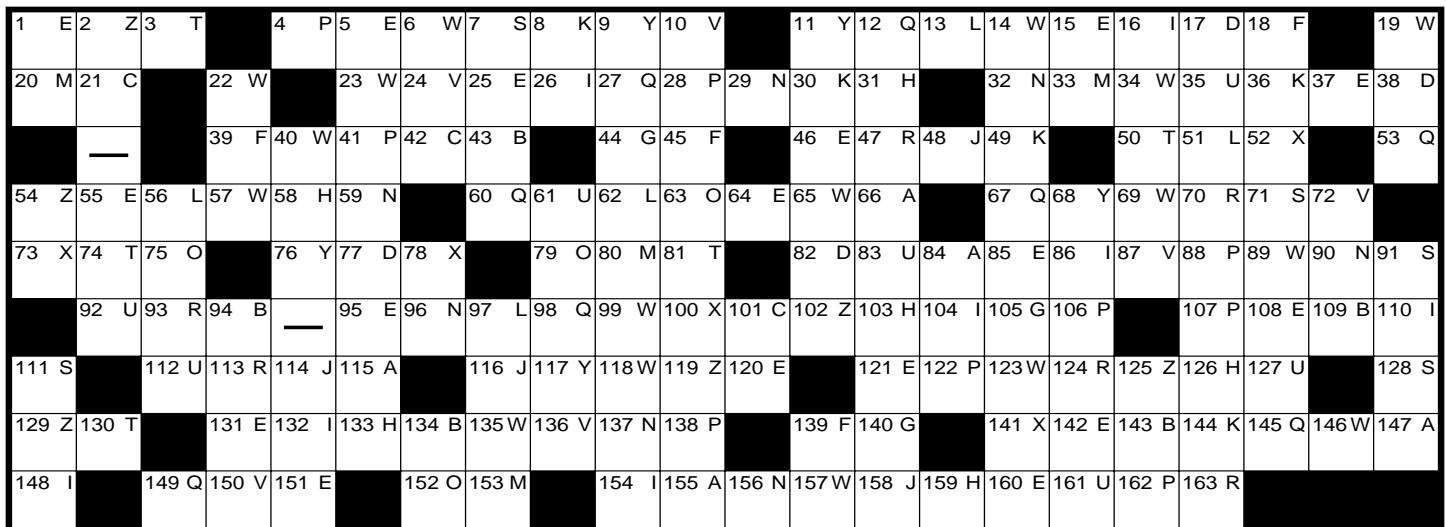


Vermont Crostic Puzzle

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.



A. Actor Buscemi

84 115 147 155 66

N. Accident follower, sometimes

29 96 32 90 156 137 59

B. Australian tennis star Rod

94 143 134 43 109

O. Evening, as written in many ads

63 152 79 75

C. The law is one, says Dickens' Mr. Bumble

101 42 21

P. Don't look one in the mouth (two words)

106 88 107 4 122 41 162 28 138

D. Starchy roots eaten worldwide

38 77 82 17

Q. Style of Italian bread

149 98 145 60 27 67 12 53

E. Ghost story by Henry James (five words)

85 160 95 121 131 25 15 108 1

R. Moderately strong oath (two words)

124 113 47 163 93 70

37 5 142 120 55 151 64 46

S. Option on an electronic gadget

7 71 91 111 128

F. "I Ain't Marchin' Anymore" singer

45 39 139 18

T. When repeated, a consolation

50 74 130 3 81

G. Aerialists' need, often

105 140 44

U. Robust

127 161 92 35 112 61 83

H. Kind of basket

103 31 159 133 58 126

V. Waste; filth

150 87 72 10 136 24

I. Vital part of some trials

154 26 104 148 86 132 110 16

W. Essayist, friend of this puzzle's subject (full name)

157 22 40 23 146 19 34 69 14 89

135 99 57 123 65 6 118

J. Not home

114 116 48 158

X. Prohibit, in legal talk

52 141 73 78 100

K. Small but crucial airplane part

144 36 30 8 49

Y. Anticipate

9 11 68 117 76

L. Focus of some Texas cook-offs

97 51 56 13 62

Z. Like wild horses

125 54 102 129 2 119

M. Maine's Isle au _____

80 20 33 153