

George Eliot Cryptograms — Set 3

4 puzzles · Large print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: M = A

Easy · 93 letters

D O T O G N M A N C A V

O M Z M D A E K T F C E V

M U U T K D T V M N E F M B

U O M E Z ; M A V Z E

K F T K E Z D T F E G Z M

F T Z G B D L M Z A E D

Z D F C U D B R

U E A U T C H M Q B T .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

2. Clue: X = O

Medium · 107 letters

M E F R P W W P L K C M

M T G A X W A D X B P D Y

T D X M E F Q G X K C P G

D X M W X Q I X K D Y

Y F D M C F N F D B E X G F

L X D G L P X K G D F G G P G

L E P F W C I N T R F K Z

X W M E F P Q X B D

B P G E F G .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

3. Clue: V = E

Medium · 110 letters

E A O V I E V Q V

V W S V K D V T D A U J R V

E V J P A S M I M A I C ;

X L D D U V Y Q V J D

C J N V Y L J Q T A N

C A K M V D G J I T A N

T A O V C D M K B M N V

E J C , D U J D

A S M I M A I C E V Q V I A D

J K D V T A I .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

4. Clue: H = E

Easy · 118 letters

B K H E H Z E H

T K Z E Z T B H E N S K Q T K

Z E H T J L B Q L X Z D D F

T E H Z B Q L P

T J D D Q N Q J L N Z L C

L J C H N I J E

B K H A N H D R H N Q L

C E Z A Z N S K Q T K

L J W J C F Q N

O E H O Z E H C B J Z T B

S Q B K B K H A .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters	E T A O I N S H R D L U
Most common 1-letter words	A I
Most common 2-letter words	OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US AM
Most common 3-letter words	THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE
Common double letters	LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC
Common word endings	-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST
After an apostrophe	T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "The human mind has at no period accepted a moral chaos; and so preposterous a result was not strictly conceivable."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

Cipher key: A=N B=L C=I D=T E=O F=R G=U H=V I=X J=Q K=P L=W M=A N=M O=H P=K Q=B R=Y S=Z T=E
U=C V=D W=G X=F Y=J Z=S

2. "The difficult task of knowing another soul is not for young gentlemen whose consciousness is chiefly made up of their own wishes."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

Cipher key: A=K B=W C=L D=N E=H F=E G=S H=Z I=Y J=X K=U L=C M=T N=M O=J P=I Q=R R=D S=V T=A
U=B V=Q W=F X=O Y=G Z=P

3. "Women were expected to have weak opinions; but the great safeguard of society and of domestic life was, that opinions were not acted on."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

Cipher key: A=O B=L C=S D=T E=W F=Q G=Y H=Z I=N J=A K=C L=U M=I N=F O=M P=K Q=R R=V S=P T=D
U=H V=E W=X X=B Y=G Z=J

4. "There are characters which are continually creating collisions and nodes for themselves in dramas which nobody is prepared to act with them."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

Cipher key: A=M B=T C=D D=L E=R F=Y G=J H=E I=F J=O K=H L=N M=Z N=S O=P P=G Q=I R=V S=W T=C
U=X V=K W=B X=U Y=Q Z=A