

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 3

6 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: A = O

Medium · 46 letters

N S N K O X J Y T A A Q P

J E V M P G A A W - F M T N

G M E V J Q M Y W A U

J U U N I E M A Y .

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: Q = E

Expert · 46 letters

G S B Q A S W B G S A

L X G Q P G Q , Q K Q J , B P E

C W S C I Q G E A S W B G S A

I Q P R M 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

3. Clue: J = I

Expert · 46 letters

N T Q R J V M J X

V Q J H H M Q M A K F K S P S

A M H K J R . X J G B R J V S ,

X J G B R J V S .

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: B = O

Expert · 47 letters

W Y X I R B A Z Y Q B X K T

Q B S B O A V T X Q V T

K V Y X X T R B I J L C E Q F

E Z B J T X .

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

5. Clue: H = S

Hard · 47 letters

V Q K D W H H Z L D K T

W G K H V N A A W T R

W A P W J H J Z X T F N T

V Q N H G K H Y K U V .

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

6. Clue: W = E

Expert · 48 letters

E D X W U W K N P U I

K P D W S H B O S H

S W D E Z C N P B T D M H

U W S, S N A A O U W

N S W B .

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Every man looks at his wood-pile with a kind of affection."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "Some forms of disease, even, may prophesy forms of health."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "Man flows at once to God when the channel of purity is open."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "The mass of men are still and always young in this respect."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "Give me for my friends and neighbors wild men, not tame ones."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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