

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 9

6 puzzles · Standard 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: D = O

Expert · 62 letters

P J Q D A U P R O V D S O Q ,

Z K O S Y Q D A I Z O G J T P L B

P L , F S Y Y D S D L V O I O G Q

F N F S Y D S P L L D L B O 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

2. Clue: L = T

Medium · 64 letters

T V T E Q H I I E N L E F F A L N

G L X A P U H G L N M P L N O H E A

N X L Q U T L H G J F G L O N M

U H G N Q E W X I L X M F .

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: T = E

Medium · 65 letters

J L T G T R Z Z Q O T J L R I W

Z T G S R E T R I J L T L C X R J

Q A Z T T H R I W C A J T G C

E C D D L R F L D T O C B Q X T 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

4. Clue: N = E

Hard · 65 letters

G V N B U T C E C Y , P V E K V E A

G V N B U A G B N B U T D I H N

A N D A U C U Q G V N S D L , E A

G V N D P D Z N C E C Y V U J 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

5. Clue: B = T

Medium · 66 letters

T B T L A G B O A G P X Y B G N O

T A W P L B J T G P L ; L G R J O

B Y O R A B L . U Y R B R J O V G P

T A W P L B J T G P L R N G P 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

6. Clue: M = E

Medium · 67 letters

S F M C V M P M S R X S S J

W M F W M H S D Q J Y M N S U M

N M N S U T Y Q M O I T F T

N S F D N M F O T W I V X I T W

O I M N S S F .

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. "If you give money, spend yourself with it, and do not merely abandon it to them."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "A man will not need to study history to find out what is best for his own culture."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "There is something servile in the habit of seeking after a law which we may obey."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

4. "The morning, which is the most memorable season of the day, is the awakening hour."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "It is not enough to be industrious; so are the ants. What are you industrious about?"

— Henry David Thoreau, 1857, *Letter to H. G. O. Blake, November 16, 1857, in Familiar Letters*

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

6. "One piece of good sense would be more memorable than a monument as high as the moon."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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