

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 17

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 = E

Medium · 94 letters

H S D N D M H X D U B G M I S G A S

 I B H D U J F O L D B M J B M T

 V D D W J F D G M H S D S P R J D

 H P - T B O G J M P H T U D B U

 B M T F D X B M A S P X O , L R H

 N P P T E P U F D H P P .

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: M = E

Medium · 95 letters

G R G V Q K H K U Y P R H K Q R M

E G V I Y F M P D I M P R Q G K C D ,

R T Q R Y U Q C Q S S T G I T

J G K E V H V S T M P M S M E G E

K Y R Z K Y S J M U Y P M R T Q R

S M S M P M J Y H K E .

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: Z = T

Easy · 95 letters

Z O H K M H Z M N Z O H

W N Z U V Z S H F H N P H Z O W X

V M C W U N W S X S M A G H W

X H V U R S A L Z V M Q H M C

O U V K M V Z H N U Z P W Z

G H W V Z I M L G X

W I I M Q K G U V O U Z .

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: F = O

Easy · 96 letters

F T D W P P L W A P X F T X T

A F N X T Q P F P R D S F F Z E

P F J X Y D S W E P R W P X

E R F O J Z R W Y D J D X E O L D

W T Z F G G F L P O T X P C P F

E D D P R D E G L X T Q A F N D

X 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: E = T

Medium · 97 letters

M Q Y G Q M U R E E U J U G V Q E

E W Y E E W Q B O R P U U A B U R

U O G N O P E Z C Y E Q X

J Z Q P X B Y R X U R E W Q

T G Y Z G Z Q B Y R X J U G Q B E B

M Z E W U O E X Z B E Z R N E Z U R .

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: S = A

Easy · 98 letters

D S R H S M R K L D S F G M K

Y S E O G Y W D I G F S R F

E K I C M L I C L L A S L A G

D C M L M G G Q L K R S E E K H

A W M H K E Y F, S R F H S Y Y W R

S M Z S J G M C J A S M

U W L L G F A W D .

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 gentle rain which waters my beans and keeps me in the house to-day is not drear and melancholy, but good for me too."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "It is an unfortunate discovery certainly, that of a law which binds us where we did not know before that we were bound."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "The poet or the artist never yet had so fair and noble a design but some of his posterity at least could accomplish it."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "One attraction in coming to the woods to live was that I should have leisure and opportunity to see the spring come in."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "We are wont to forget that the sun looks on our cultivated fields and on the prairies and forests without distinction."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "Man was not made so large limbed and robust but that he must seek to narrow his world, and wall in a space such as fitted him."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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