

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 18

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: M = E

Medium · 101 letters

M G M B E R Z O J T

W Z T D M Q W V R Z D M

C J T F J P M , M G M O J O

J W T Q M W Z J F T ,

I V B W C E V P W C M

L V O W M R X F Z W J V O V P

C J T R V T W M F M G Z W M Q

Z O Q L B J W J L Z F

C V A 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

2. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 101 letters

C U Q P W E T Q Z D Q

V M W D C F W C H L F W Y

M K Q Y E Q W C H L

F W D S Q Z D C M M P Z

V M W V Q X C E M W D ;

S U Q C U Q Z S Q C Z F T Q H

A F D C M Z D H M S , C U Q

C Z F V J E D H F E Y A M Z

P 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 104 letters

P T Q H F E X P Q W P

F W W D V Q N

L Y S Q R P E L X M T E R T

L X Q T Q F I P T C G F X

H Q Q I W M E I I F P

I Q X Z P T K V Q A F E I

L A Q V P T Q

F V Z D G Q X P W F X N

R D W P L G W L H

G F X O E X N .

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: M = E

Easy · 105 letters

V T P Y L B O C M V C E L

X M C M K U M G, L A M Q P A

B V Y Y G L A M P K Y S L K

D O V E M P C B M Y Y P C

P A L E Z M K; V T P Z V W Z

L A M, V A G V U V G O P Y

M H F M Y Y M A F M V C E L

X M K M W P K G M 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

5. Clue: U = A

Medium · 115 letters

M X H Q E J T S Y C G U B A

E J B K E J B U Z X, U V S

V E A E J B S X H G U Y B,

E J B Q X U T A Q U V S

X U H X, U V S V E A E J B

S Y H X U H X, U V S A U N X

K U B X A Q U A A Q Y H

S E X H V E A H G B X U S

P W K E V A U Z Y E 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: U = E

Medium · 116 letters

C N U Q X U K C U X O K X C

T S B N K C Z H

G U A Q N F T X P I K M M

Q T T V A F U M A U Y U A G

Z H P T R M C T F U F K V,

K G V A S A X U O U G C T S

K G H C N A G Q, A C A P

Y U X H M A E U M H C T F U

Z H Q T T V F U N K Y A 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

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. "Every man is tasked to make his life, even in its details, worthy of the contemplation of his most elevated and critical hour."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "The universe constantly and obediently answers to our conceptions; whether we travel fast or slow, the track is laid for us."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "The faintest assured objection which one healthy man feels will at length prevail over the arguments and customs of mankind."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "If a low use is to be served, one man will do nearly or quite as well as another; if a high one, individual excellence is to be regarded."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

5. "We should impart our courage, and not our despair, our health and ease, and not our disease, and take care that this does not spread by contagion."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "The greater part of what my neighbors call good I believe in my soul to be bad, and if I repent of anything, it is very likely to be my good behavior."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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