

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 19

5 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: R = O

Easy · 117 letters

K X K L M R L L K C W Z X R

K F H Z F X E G R S L Z L X K W W

P R O Z D R F H Z F K Z F X E F N

W S Y S O K R S L X G E F V Z

G E H Z , V G K D G U Z X E W W

V R S W N E N P K X X G E X P E F

D R S W N F R X E A A R O N X R

M E U A R O .

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

Easy · 120 letters

Z J Z O B Q C Y B T Y U H Q G W E

V Q E Q N Q A J O W B I B Z O Q O

J G Q B Q Y B Q Z A W M B

G Z O J W B Z Q O , G W E H Z J J H Q

Q L Q B I Z O Q S E Q G Y N Q

U Q Q A Z A W M B C Z A S O , G W E

V Q E Q L K Q B Z Q A I Q O E Q

G Y N Q G Y 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

3. Clue: F = E

Easy · 121 letters

F H F Z V O N R B Q K I F

L C B G P F Z E J N K F O D G F ,

Y N G G F P I B Q L E P V , K E

K I F X E P I F A E Z Q I B D Q ,

N J K F Z N Q K V G F D C Z F G V

I B Q E A R , R E Z Y N R I F

X F K E J J L V I N O O F Z B R X

O N Z L G F B R Q K F N 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

4. Clue: U = O

Hard · 121 letters

L U Y B U R B M N S F Q F C V N Y ,

T G Z L T G O U R B M N Y U

A T S S N Z A U L R U C B Y U R

S V R N , T C N G U B U G S O G U B

V G Z V Y E N G Y T D S N , D F B

E U Y V B V K N M V G Z C T G A N Y

B U B M N N S N K T B V U G U R

L T G X V G 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

5. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 135 letters

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

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

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Answer key

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1. "It is possible to invent a house still more convenient and luxurious than we have, which yet all would admit that man could not afford to pay for."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "It is remarkable how few events or crises there are in our histories, how little exercised we have been in our minds, how few experiences we have had."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "Every man is the builder of a temple, called his body, to the god he worships, after a style purely his own, nor can he get off by hammering marble instead."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "Most of the luxuries, and many of the so called comforts of life, are not only not indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aids, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us in our soundest sleep."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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