

Henry David Thoreau Cryptograms — Set 6

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: Z = E

Hard · 53 letters

S Z X B O J U T G A L Z A B G

A T T A G X B V J X J Z O , X I Z V ,

D Z C A G Z X I Z Z L J S E M K O

W A 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

2. Clue: T = E

Medium · 53 letters

F Z F B T S P D R T

Z F L M P I F W T ' P U Q P D

O T F J D S Y J Z F L M

T N W G T P P S H T Y T F D J G 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

3. Clue: O = E

Hard · 54 letters

W Q O C H P O G Q H N Q A O S

X D U H F O U S J D O Y U D J U F

F R N N O F F P R C H F Z R W L S O

M H S J .

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 = E

Medium · 55 letters

H D U L V P M F T F K R Y

R Y J S U Y H P R Y ' L H D F Q Z D H

M U J F P U L R P F G U N Y

P R Y ' L L C U U J 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

5. Clue: W = E

Medium · 55 letters

T P W O T W H P L Y G Q H J C G G
 S W E F L T C O E M P C G Q F W O ,
 T W D F W D G F W D Q V G C J J G W
 A W 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

6. Clue: J = E

Expert · 55 letters

M J L G J L Z C F L B U D J K
 M B D N L Q J G J S J P P B Z P J
 R O D N J E P R Y J R U M N B Z N
 M J P B A J .

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

Answer key

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1. "Let us improve our opportunities, then, before the evil days come."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

2. "A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "The life which men praise and regard as successful is but one kind."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "The symbol of an ancient man's thought becomes a modern man's speech."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "When we should still be growing children, we are already little men."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

6. "We are acquainted with a mere pellicle of the globe on which we live."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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