

2017 Merry Christmas

How to Solve

Answer the CLUES (A through S) and transfer letters (e.g., G-31) to the corresponding square in the GRID (31-G). Work in both directions, using the pieces you have solved to help you guess more of the puzzle.

Bonus prize: The first letter of the CLUES, reading downward, will reveal the source of the quote – this year, a **historical** description.

		1O	2H	3R	4M		5F	6D	7K	8J	9P	10M	11B		12A	13H	14P	15Q	16S	17C		
18D	19N	20R	21E		22J	23H	24C	25O	26L		27B	28M	29G	,	30F		31G F	32D	33S	34Q	35A	36G
	37K	38N	39A	40L		41L	42P	43E	44O		45K	46M	47F		48A	49D	50J		51C	52N	53K	54P
						55O	56H	57R	58N		59I	60R		61N	62S	63K						
	64F	65G	66M	67S	68K	69A	70H	71E	72B	73P		74F	75E	76J		77K	78R	79I	80Q	81E	82H	
	83M	84E	85G	86P		87A	88B	89G	90M	91H	92I		93A	94E	95L		96H	97L	98E	99E	100N	
			101M	102H		103B	104K	105C	106Q	107J		108N	109P	110G		111D	112J	113I	114R			
						115I	116O	117S	118R	119F	120K		121C	122S	123K	124N						

- A. Bach work, e.g. $\frac{87}{88} \frac{93}{27} \frac{35}{11} \frac{48}{72} \frac{12}{103} \frac{69}{39}$
- B. Alter $\frac{88}{24} \frac{27}{121} \frac{11}{51} \frac{72}{105} \frac{103}{17}$
- C. Mad $\frac{24}{6} \frac{121}{111} \frac{51}{49} \frac{105}{18} \frac{17}{32}$
- D. Reddish iron ore $\frac{6}{75} \frac{111}{71} \frac{49}{99} \frac{18}{21} \frac{32}{43} \frac{94}{94} \frac{84}{84} \frac{98}{98} \frac{81}{81}$
- E. Bolt from the blue $\frac{74}{31} \frac{5}{89} \frac{64}{65} \frac{30}{29} \frac{119}{85} \frac{47}{110} \frac{36}{36}$
- F. Kind of press $\frac{74}{31} \frac{5}{89} \frac{64}{65} \frac{30}{29} \frac{119}{85} \frac{47}{110} \frac{36}{36}$
- G. Faced $\frac{74}{31} \frac{5}{89} \frac{64}{65} \frac{30}{29} \frac{119}{85} \frac{47}{110} \frac{36}{36}$
- H. Ineffectual $\frac{70}{70} \frac{2}{2} \frac{102}{102} \frac{13}{13} \frac{56}{56} \frac{91}{91} \frac{23}{23} \frac{82}{82} \frac{96}{96}$
- I. Acts like a wolf $\frac{59}{59} \frac{79}{79} \frac{115}{115} \frac{113}{113} \frac{92}{92}$
- J. Overacted $\frac{50}{50} \frac{22}{22} \frac{112}{112} \frac{8}{8} \frac{107}{107} \frac{76}{76}$

- K. _____ Fields Forever $\frac{53}{53} \frac{37}{37} \frac{7}{7} \frac{123}{123} \frac{77}{77} \frac{45}{45} \frac{68}{68} \frac{104}{104} \frac{120}{120} \frac{63}{63}$
- L. A hot buttered rum $\frac{40}{40} \frac{97}{97} \frac{41}{41} \frac{95}{95} \frac{26}{26}$
- M. Ominous, negative $\frac{46}{46} \frac{10}{10} \frac{101}{101} \frac{90}{90} \frac{83}{83} \frac{28}{28} \frac{66}{66} \frac{4}{4}$
- N. February birthstone $\frac{19}{19} \frac{61}{61} \frac{52}{52} \frac{108}{108} \frac{38}{38} \frac{124}{124} \frac{100}{100} \frac{58}{58}$
- O. Not wrong $\frac{25}{25} \frac{116}{116} \frac{1}{1} \frac{44}{44} \frac{55}{55}$
- P. Idea $\frac{54}{54} \frac{109}{109} \frac{42}{42} \frac{9}{9} \frac{73}{73} \frac{86}{86} \frac{14}{14}$
- Q. 2, 8, 12, 20, e.g. $\frac{15}{15} \frac{106}{106} \frac{34}{34} \frac{80}{80}$
- R. Revolutionary soldier $\frac{78}{78} \frac{60}{60} \frac{114}{114} \frac{20}{20} \frac{3}{3} \frac{57}{57} \frac{118}{118}$
- S. Covering, rain or shine $\frac{62}{62} \frac{122}{122} \frac{117}{117} \frac{33}{33} \frac{16}{16} \frac{67}{67}$