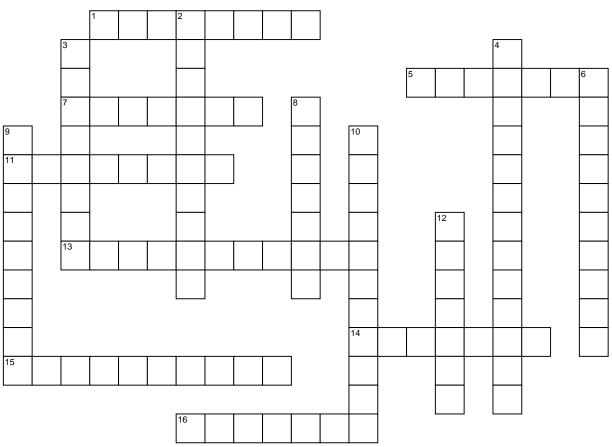
Sputnik and the Space Race

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ACROSS

- 1 unreasonable fear, suspicion, and mistrust of others
- 5 tried very hard to achieve something
- 7 to become less active or to decrease
- 11 the close study of something in order to learn more
- 13 to work together or cooperate
- 14 a strong feeling of worry
- 15 oval-shaped
- 16 moved in a circle or oval around something in space

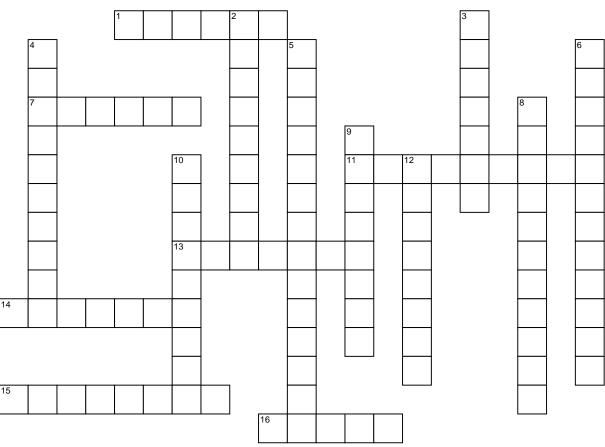
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- 2 made by people, not made by nature
- 3 extremely happy
- 4 broke into pieces
- 6 extremely upset
- 8 the best or most favorable
- **9** a small moon or object that revolves around a planet
- 10 made a bad situation even worse
- 12 strain in a relationship

WORD BANK: analysis, anxiety, artificial, collaborate, devastated, disintegrated, ecstatic, elliptical, exacerbated, optimal, orbited, paranoia, satellite, strived, subside, tension

Cuban Missile Crisis

Level 8.0, Story 2



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ACROSS

- 1 a dangerous or unstable situation that can affect the future
- 7 was anxious about a situation
- 11 to remove or get rid of something
- 13 a leader of a country
- **14** to place something in position and get it ready to operate
- **15** the stopping of traffic and trade by controlling a harbor
- 16 nervous, strained, or not relaxed

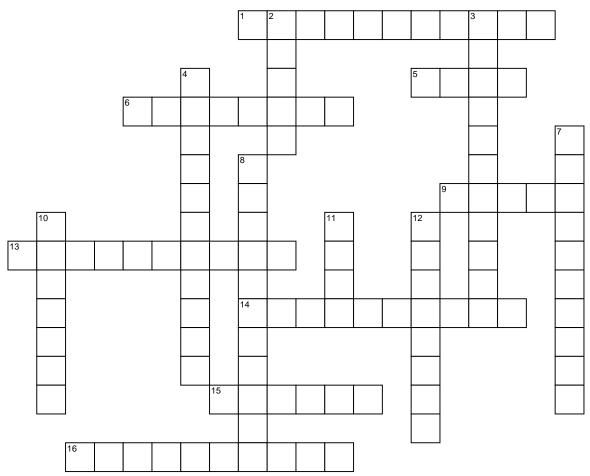
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- 2 a lack of equality
- 3 to stop oneself from doing something
- 4 closure or an end to a problem
- **5** surveying and inspecting to gather military information
- 6 thought about carefully
- 8 put in a state of seclusion or isolation
- 9 safety, or freedom from danger or risk
- 10 drove, pushed, or urged onward
- 12 about to happen

WORD BANK: blockade, contemplated, crisis, eliminate, imbalance, imminent, install, premier, propelled, quarantined, reconnaissance, refrain, resolution, security, stewed, tense

Mir Space Station

Level 8.0, Story 3



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ACROSS

- 1 to work together or cooperate
- **5** a place where a vehicle stops and people get off
- 6 the purpose or role of something
- 9 openings that other things can fit into
- 13 changing something from one form, state, or use to another
- 14 intentions or goals
- 15 to live in a place
- 16 the act of living or dwelling in a place

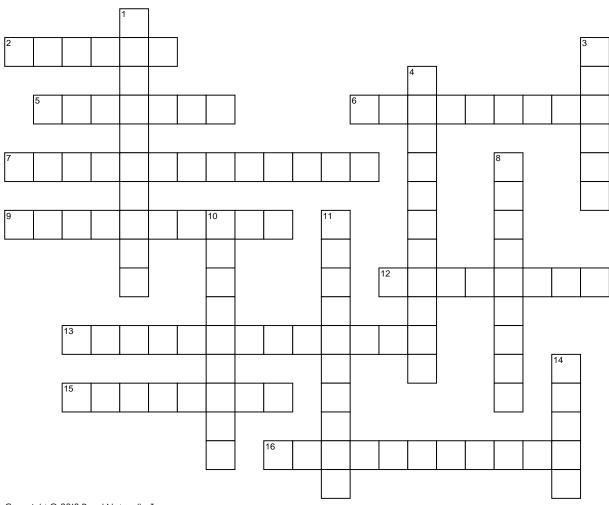
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- 2 the path that one object in space takes around another
- 3 to meet the needs of someone or something
- 4 the people who live in a certain place
- 7 Russian astronauts
- **8** the act of leaving someone or something without planning to return
- 10 detachable sections with specific purposes
- 11 main or most important
- 12 a room or space used for a particular purpose

WORD BANK: abandonment, accommodate, collaborate, converting, core, cosmonauts, dock, facility, function, habitation, inhabitants, modules, objectives, orbit, ports, reside

Greenbrier Bunker

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ACROSS

- 2 caused something to increase or spread
- 5 put out in the open or made public
- 6 the burning of a dead body
- 7 posts or bases where military activities are carried out
- 9 doing what is promised or expected
- 12 a space used for a particular purpose
- 13 not likely to spoil or decay
- 15 enough for a purpose
- 16 original reports, articles, or books, usually written by hand

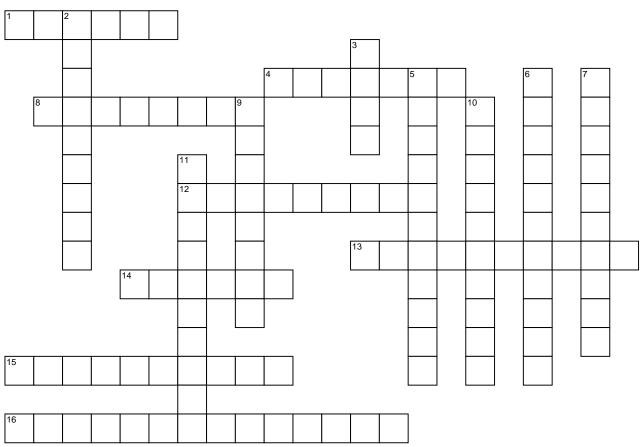
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- 1 the act of moving away from one place to live in a new place
- 3 a shelter underground
- 4 took out of service or shut down
- 8 people who are not in a military group
- 10 a place to care for sick or injured people
- 11 hopeless or desperate
- 14 expensive and elegant

WORD BANK: adequate, bunker, civilians, cremation, deactivated, despairing, exposed, facility, fueled, fulfilling, infirmary, installations, manuscripts, nonperishable, plush, relocation

Leonardo da Vinci

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ACROSS

- 1 to make certain
- 4 having the shape of a spiral
- 8 natural ability or talent
- 12 clear and skilled use of language
- 13 clear and understandable
- **14** to communicate or make known
- 15 causing curiosity
- 16 most perfect, most typical, or purest

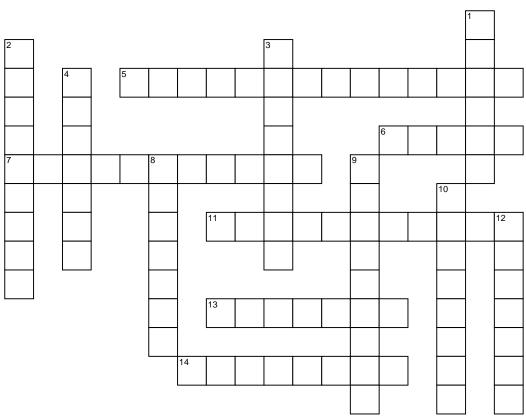
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- 2 went beyond
- 3 to make an association between things
- 5 placed in a job to learn how to do it
- 6 subjects or areas of work
- 7 new and creative
- 9 represents or is an example of an idea
- 10 cutting apart carefully for examination
- 11 methods or ways of doing something

WORD BANK: apprenticed, aptitude, articulate, convey, disciplines, dissecting, eloquence, embodies, ensure, helical, innovative, intriguing, link, quintessential, surpassed, techniques

Watergate

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ACROSS

- **5** the President and the other people who work in the executive branch
- 6 assistants
- **7** accusation by Congress that a public official has committed a crime
- 11 very respected or widely thought of as important
- 13 relating to a national or central government
- 14 formally accused someone of a crime

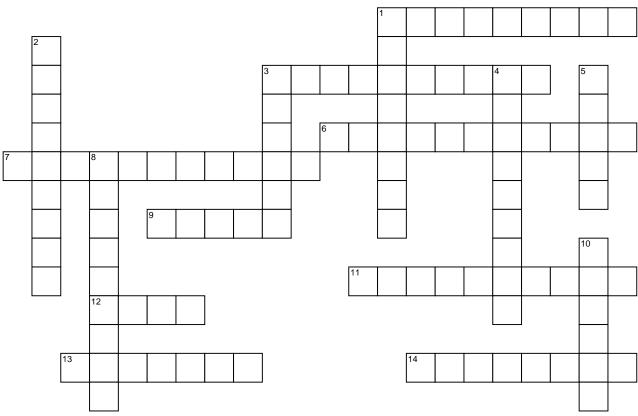
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- 1 searched or looked into
- 2 said or showed that something was definitely true
- **3** paid for
- 4 a group of related buildings or units
- 8 extremely important
- 9 began or did something for the first time
- 10 a sudden loss of power
- 12 people who give information to reporters

WORD BANK: administration, aides, complex, confirmed, crucial, downfall, federal, financed, impeachment, indicted, initiated, prestigious, probed, sources

Michelangelo

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ACROSS

- 1 a natural capacity for growth and development
- 3 stands for something other than itself
- 6 life stories
- 7 subjects or areas of work
- 9 having great power, influence, or privilege
- 11 a request to work on something, usually for money
- 12 to judge, believe, or think
- 13 a strong feeling of excitement about something
- 14 began a business, enterprise, or project

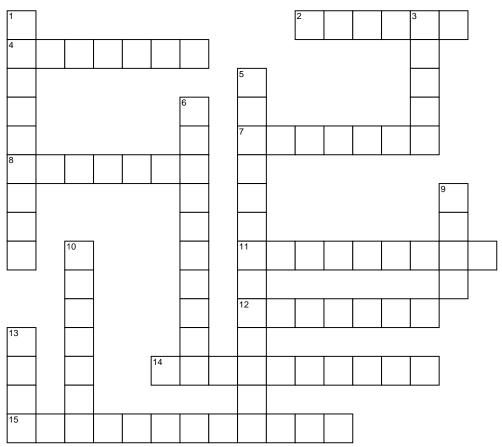
DOWN

- 1 far-reaching
- 2 to form and grow something by means of experience
- **3** the people who share similar interests, knowledge, or social positions
- 4 skill or knowledge in a particular area
- 5 an example of perfection or excellence
- **8** a large or important church
- 10 put a lot of effort into something difficult and tiring

WORD BANK: biographies, cathedral, commission, cultivate, deem, disciplines, elite, embarked, expertise, ideal, passion, potential, profound, sphere, symbolizes, toiled

Impeachment in the U.S.

Level 8.0, Story 8



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ACROSS

- 2 a violation or breaking of a rule
- **4** behavior or the way one acts
- 7 a situation that causes public shock and often brings shame to those involved
- **8** action against one's own government
- 11 made up or were included in
- 12 the act of lying under oath
- 14 a formal written accusation
- 15 acts against the law

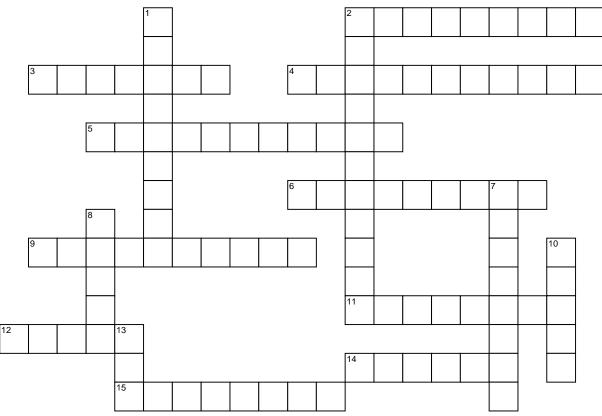
DOWN

- 1 said officially that someone was not guilty
- 3 related to the operations of a government
- 5 a wrong idea about something
- 6 a guilty verdict
- 9 to judge, believe, or think
- 10 people who formulate or draw up a document
- 13 a set period of time in which someone holds an office

WORD BANK: acquitted, breach, civil, comprised, conduct, conviction, deem, framers, indictment, misconception, misdemeanors, perjury, scandal, term, treason

Dolly the Cloned Sheep

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ACROSS

- 2 popularity or recognition
- 3 the center part or core of a cell
- 4 debate between different viewpoints
- 5 the chance something could be accomplished
- 6 removed or took out
- **9** people one works with, or who do the same kind of work
- 11 dead
- 12 joined together
- **14** an unborn animal in its earliest stages of growth
- 15 shocked or greatly upset

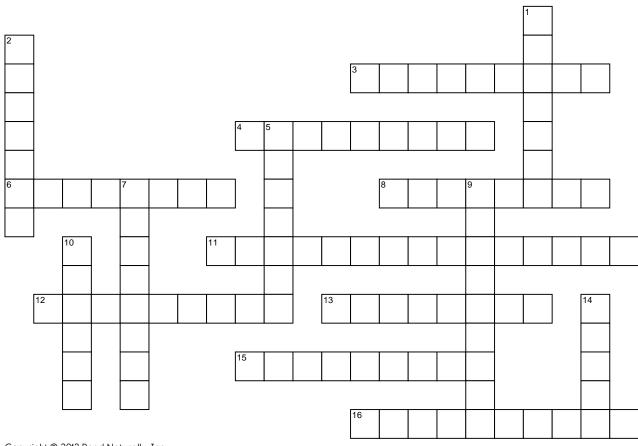
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- 1 occurring before the usual time
- 2 amounted to, made, or formed
- 7 to picture or imagine an idea in the mind
- **8** an organism produced from one cell of its parent and genetically identical to that parent
- 10 the bag-like body part of some animals that produces milk
- 13 the substance in cells that stores genetic information

WORD BANK: appalled, celebrity, clone, colleagues, constituted, controversy, deceased, DNA, embryo, envision, extracted, feasibility, fused, nucleus, premature, udder

Indira Gandhi

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ACROSS

- **3** a person to whom someone tells secrets and discusses private matters
- 4 a disadvantage
- 6 anxious, doubtful, or not confident
- **8** acts of refusing to buy, sell, or use, as expressions of protest
- 11 disobedience toward an authority or person of higher rank
- 12 not discouraged or not afraid to try
- 13 wealthy or prosperous
- 15 independent or free from outside control
- 16 made something stronger or more definite

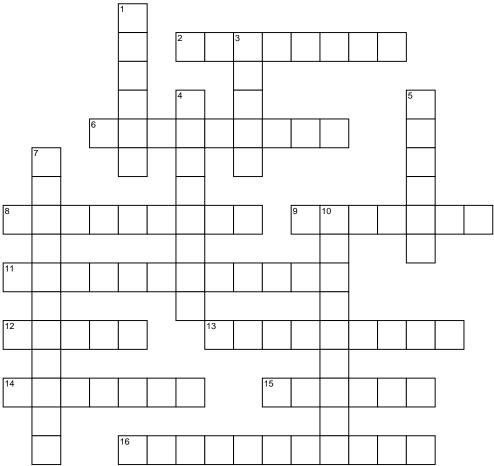
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- 1 filled
- 2 active, forceful, and able to change when necessary
- 5 forced upon or established with authority
- **7** friends, or people belonging to the same social group or political party
- **9** expressed strong disapproval
- 10 the period of time in which someone holds an office or position
- **14** a social class separate from other classes because of birth, profession, or wealth

WORD BANK: affluent, boycotts, caste, comrades, condemned, confidant, dynamic, fraught, imposed, insecure, insubordination, liability, solidified, sovereign, tenure, undaunted

The Cloning Controversy

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ACROSS

- 2 the joining of two plants so they grow together into a single plant
- 6 made, produced, or brought into being
- 8 not able to reproduce
- **9** to improve or further develop
- 11 special uses for something
- 12 to adjust, vary, or change
- 13 variety or differences
- 14 moral or right
- 15 tiny animals made up of just one cell
- 16 widely recognized and respected

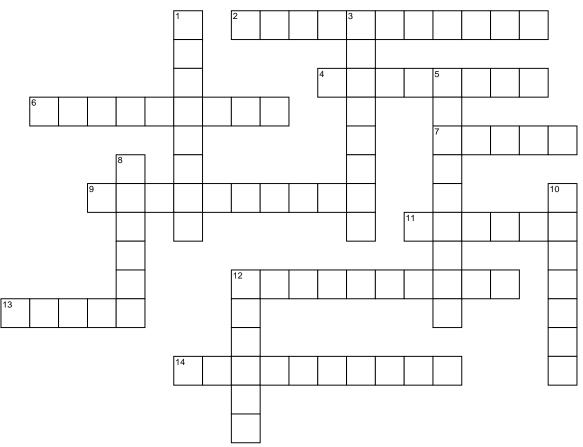
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- 1 exact copies
- **3** plant-like organisms without roots, stems, or leaves
- 4 fatal or causing death
- 5 bringing forward information as proof
- 7 controls to one's advantage
- 10 sicknesses that affect the mind or body

WORD BANK: advance, algae, alter, amebas, applications, citing, clones, disorders, diversity, established, ethical, generated, grafting, infertile, manipulates, terminal

Golda Meir

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ACROSS

- 2 strong opinions, beliefs, or principles
- 4 to leave one's country and live elsewhere
- **6** official papers that identify people as citizens of a particular country
- 7 a position of authority
- **9** a group of people chosen to represent a government
- 11 likely to work or likely to last
- **12** the branch of government that makes laws in some countries
- **13** believing something too easily because of having too little experience
- 14 blocked, closed off, or protected

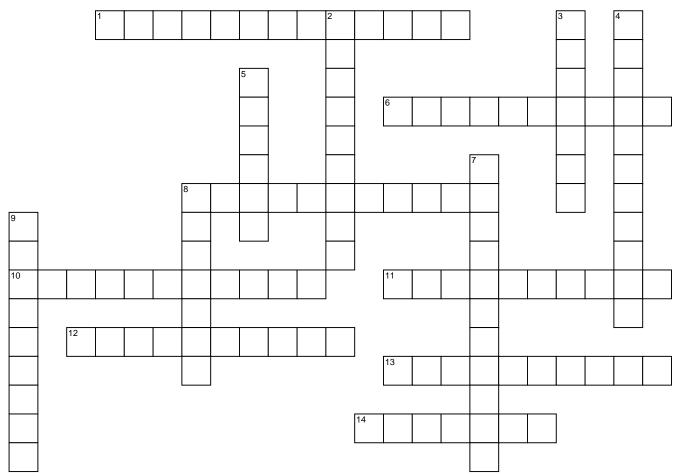
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- 1 decided or firmly made up one's mind
- 3 about to happen
- **5** got other people to join or participate in something
- **8** inadequate, or without enough force or strength
- 10 started again after a break
- 12 an organized attack by a mob against a minority group

WORD BANK: barricaded, chair, convictions, delegation, emigrate, feeble, imminent, naive, parliament, passports, pogrom, recruited, resolved, resumed, viable

The Great Depression

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ACROSS

- 1 without an earlier example
- **6** cheerful or hopeful
- **8** engagement in risky business transactions on the chance of quick, large profits
- 10 beginning steps to improve a situation
- 11 ended in or resulted in
- 12 unavoidable or certain to happen
- 13 success or wealth
- **14** people who arrange sales and trades for other people

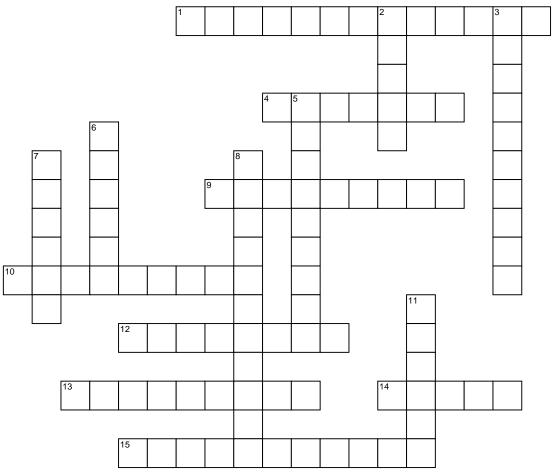
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- 2 stole or took illegally
- 3 experienced a severe and sudden downturn
- 4 controlled something to one's advantage
- 5 faulty or imperfect
- 7 included or contained
- 8 to hold up, support, or maintain
- 9 started or set off

WORD BANK: brokers, crashed, culminated, embezzled, encompassed, flawed, inevitable, initiatives, manipulated, optimistic, prosperity, speculation, sustain, triggered, unprecedented

Dumb Laws

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ACROSS

- 1 on purpose
- 4 a setting or the situation in which an event occurs
- 9 looked at or examined again after a period of time
- 10 does not allow
- 12 taken away or abolished
- 13 happening again
- 14 noisy and uncontrolled in behavior
- 15 according to a strict interpretation or understanding of the rules

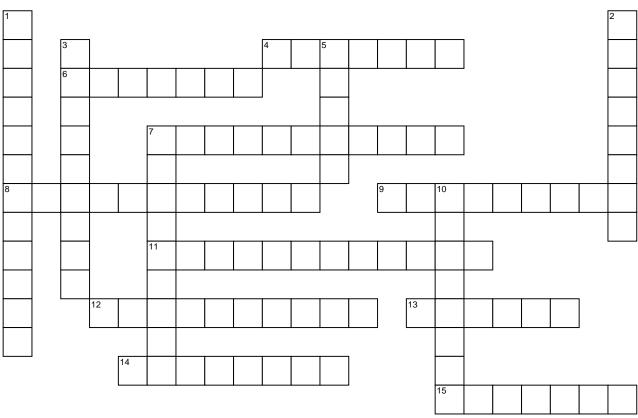
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- 2 made a decision or a choice
- 3 reasonable
- 5 a public law, usually affecting a city or town
- 6 a violation or breaking of a rule
- 7 ridiculous or making no sense
- 8 a law or laws
- 11 a serious crime

WORD BANK: absurd, breach, context, felony, intentionally, legislation, legitimate, opted, ordinance, prohibits, recurring, repealed, revisited, rowdy, technically

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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ACROSS

- 4 directly or in a straightforward and honest way
- **6** tried to remove doubt or give someone confidence about something
- 7 of great importance, size, extent, or value
- **8** coming down with or becoming infected by an illness
- 9 to change one's approach as the situation changes
- 11 the ceremony when an elected official formally takes office
- 12 a way of thinking and living
- 13 appeared in a large or exaggerated form
- **14** energizing, making more lively, or bringing back to life
- 15 the feeling that there is no hope

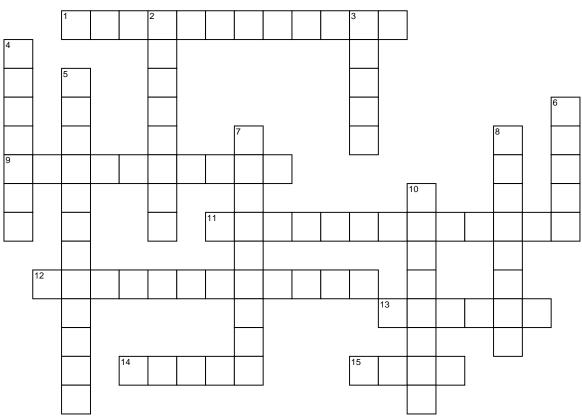
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- 1 impossible to suppress or destroy
- 2 took up in a serious or eager way
- 3 uncontrollably or aggressively
- 5 an area or field of activity, interest, or conflict
- 7 to keep something from changing in unpredictable or unfavorable ways
- 10 suggested or recommended

WORD BANK: arena, assured, contracting, despair, embraced, frankly, improvise, inauguration, loomed, philosophy, proposed, rampantly, reviving, stabilize, substantial, unquenchable

The Making of a U.S. Law

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ACROSS

- 1 realistic, but not necessarily true
- 9 related or having to do with
- 11 changes or adjustments
- 12 a group within a larger group
- 13 creates by thinking and writing
- 14 to set aside for consideration at a later date
- 15 to prevent from becoming a law

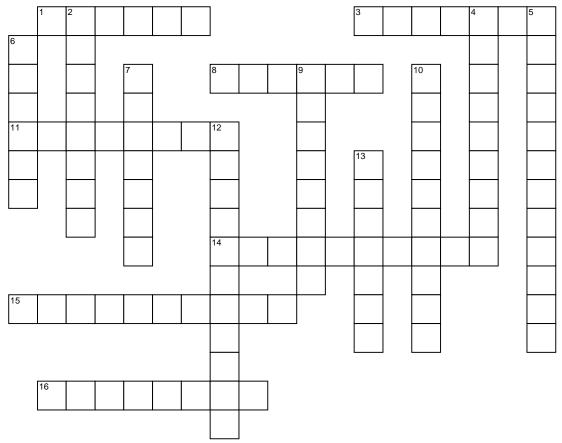
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- 2 to reject or change a decision
- 3 to alter, modify, or make changes
- 4 to make necessary with a rule or law
- **5** residents of a district represented by an elected official
- **6** drafts of laws presented for approval to a legislative body
- 7 to discuss to reach an agreement
- 8 to speak in favor of
- 10 more than half of the total

WORD BANK: advocate, amend, associated, bills, constituents, drafts, hypothetical, majority, mandate, modifications, negotiate, override, subcommittee, table, veto

Polio

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ACROSS

- 1 not having a predictable pattern
- 3 to justify or be a good reason for
- **8** the feeling of being sick to your stomach or about to vomit
- 11 signs or indications of disease
- 14 removed or got rid of something
- **15** came down with or became infected by an illness
- 16 every year

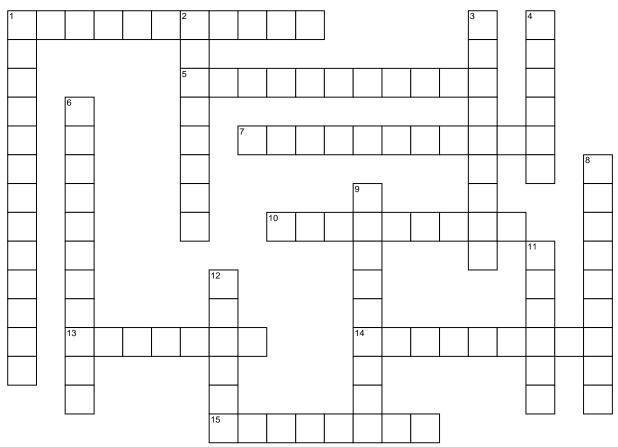
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- **2** believing something to be true without knowing for sure
- 4 brought suffering to or caused pain
- **5** the act of spreading or passing something from one to another
- 6 stopped
- 7 extreme weariness or exhaustion
- **9** a group of symptoms that are usually part of a certain disease or condition
- 10 deaths
- 12 likely to be affected by something
- 13 disturbed or caused worry

WORD BANK: afflicted, annually, assuming, ceased, contracted, eliminated, fatalities, fatigue, haunted, nausea, random, susceptible, symptoms, syndrome, transmission, warrant

Attack on Pearl Harbor

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ACROSS

- 1 received or overheard by someone not meant to receive or hear
- **5** extremely destructive
- **7** a foreign policy to expand a country's influence over other nations
- **10** about to happen
- 13 to cause or to make something bad happen
- **14** the act of being completely involved or deeply engaged in something
- **15** to stop or slow something down by the use of power or authority

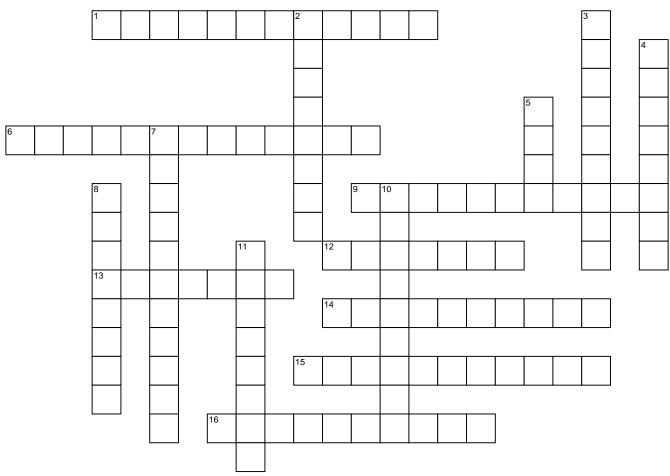
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- 1 the certainty of happening or unavoidability
- 2 a serious effort
- 3 fully informed or aware
- 4 dishonor or disrespect
- 6 done in secret
- 8 experienced or suffered from
- 9 to fight back
- 11 carrying out or engaging in
- 12 the right or ability to use something

WORD BANK: access, clandestine, cognizant, devastating, endeavor, immersion, impending, imperialism, inevitability, infamy, inflict, intercepted, retaliate, suppress, sustained, waging

The Iron Lung

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ACROSS

- 1 not enough or not adequate
- **6** the act of making someone breathe again
- 9 the act of breathing
- 12 to make, shape, or form something
- 13 modified or changed to make more suitable
- **14** enabled breathing or supplied air or oxygen to the lungs
- 15 handled or controlled, usually with skill, in a process or treatment
- 16 the use of science to solve problems or make tasks easier

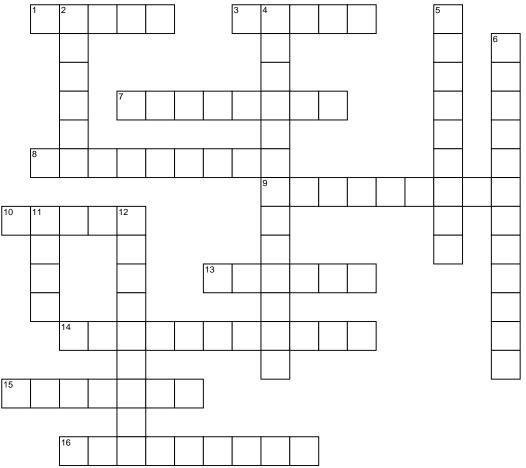
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- 2 kept within a small space
- 3 mainly or for the most part
- 4 decreased or got smaller in number
- **5** a state of unconsciousness that looks like very deep sleep
- 7 coming down with or becoming infected by an illness
- 8 a drug that causes muscles to relax
- 10 extremely important or necessary
- 11 thought in a logical way, using evidence and facts

WORD BANK: adapted, coma, confined, contracting, declined, essential, fashion, insufficient, manipulated, primarily, reasoned, relaxant, respiration, resuscitation, technology, ventilated

The Dawn of the Atomic Age

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ACROSS

- 1 a small sign that something was once there
- 3 melted together
- 7 to deal with something
- 8 blew up or exploded
- 9 caused or brought on
- 10 complete, total, or entire
- 13 immediate, quick, or without delay
- 14 having been sworn into public office
- 15 to continue to occur or exist
- **16** destroying totally

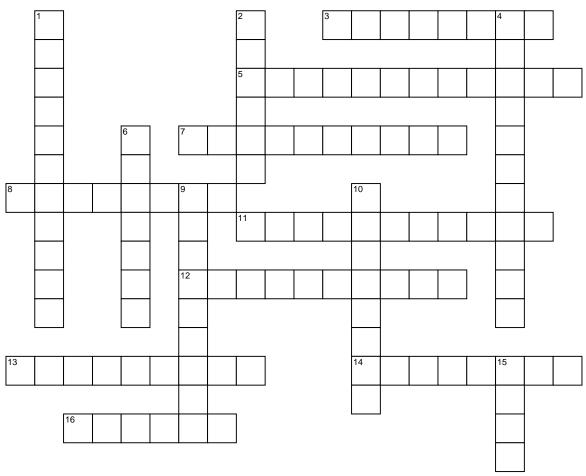
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- 2 broken pieces of rock, stone, or brick
- 4 without requirements or exceptions
- 5 a final demand that must be met
- 6 private, or secret to all but a few people
- 11 the amount of harm or difficulty that something causes
- 12 energy that is sent out in rays or waves by certain substances

WORD BANK: confidential, confront, consuming, detonated, fused, inaugurated, inflicted, persist, prompt, radiation, rubble, toll, trace, ultimatum, unconditional, utter

A 14th-Century Disaster

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ACROSS

- 3 from the time of the Middle Ages
- 5 increased or spread very quickly
- 7 proven or supported with evidence
- 8 whips used for punishment
- 11 people who beat or whip themselves
- 12 made smaller or reduced
- 13 showing something using pictures, words, or symbols
- **14** to spread or pass to another
- 16 gloomy, unhappy, or depressing

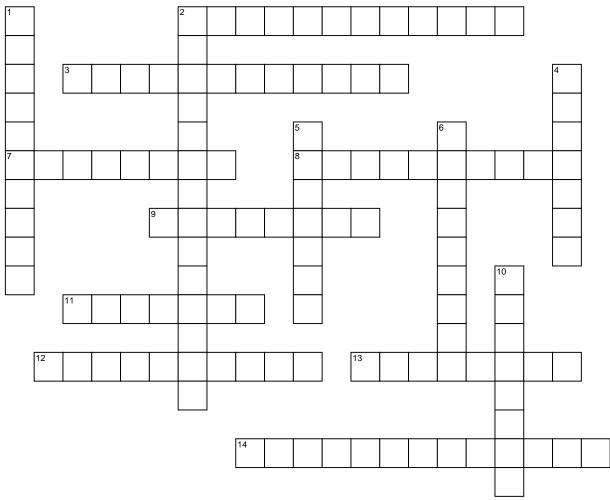
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- 1 coming down with or becoming infected by an illness
- 2 the effect something has
- 4 medicines that fight bacteria in a person's body
- 6 an amount more than what is needed
- **9** outbreaks of diseases that spread across large areas and affect many people
- 10 farm laborers or poor farmers
- 15 having to do with a large number of people or things

WORD BANK: antibiotics, contracting, depicting, diminished, documented, epidemics, flagellants, impact, mass, medieval, morose, peasants, proliferated, scourges, surplus, transmit

Albert Einstein

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ACROSS

- 2 usual or widely accepted
- 3 skilled or expert
- 7 having a preference for something
- **8** people one works with, or who do the same kind of work
- 9 improving or making better by making small changes
- 11 a force that pulls objects toward each other
- 12 things that people accept as obvious facts
- 13 unchanging or staying the same
- 14 relating to the electric effects caused by light

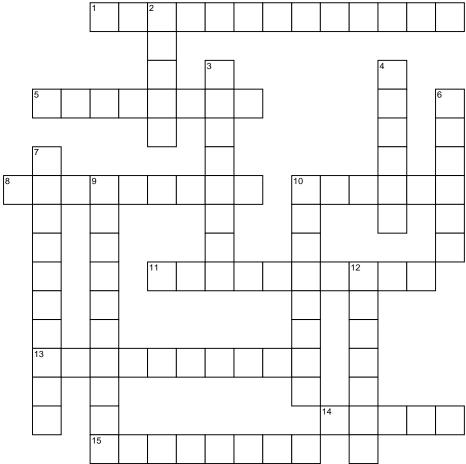
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- 1 a theory that motion, time, mass, and space depend on conditions
- 2 able to be understood
- 4 the study of heat, sound, light, and movement
- 5 the partial or complete blocking of light from a moon, planet, or star
- **6** very tiny pieces of matter that are smaller than atoms
- 10 persistence or determination

WORD BANK: accomplished, colleagues, comprehensible, constant, conventional, eclipse, gravity, inclined, particles, photoelectric, physics, postulates, refining, relativity, tenacity

The Pandemic of 1918–1919

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ACROSS

- 1 without an earlier example
- 5 a disease that spreads all over the world
- 8 at first
- 10 one of the two sides that fought in World War I
- 11 in the end
- 13 a partner in a crime or dangerous activity
- 14 danger
- 15 signs or indications of disease

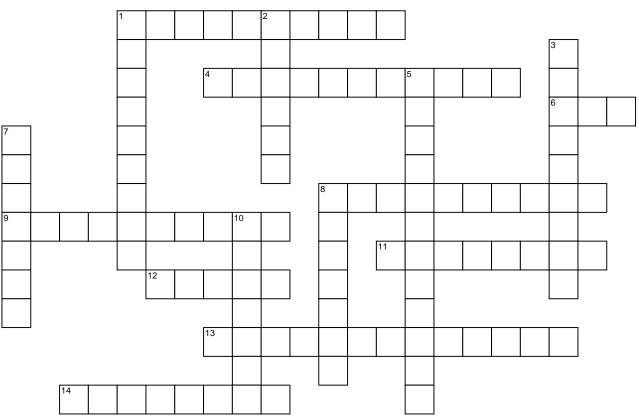
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- 2 presented or put forth
- 3 extremely infectious
- **4** where something comes from
- 6 surrounded by
- 7 unclean and having germs
- 9 the ways something or someone is likely to act
- 10 attacked violently
- 12 involved or participating

WORD BANK: accomplice, Allied, amidst, assailed, engaged, initially, origin, pandemic, peril, posed, symptoms, tendencies, ultimately, unprecedented, unsanitary, virulent

Stephen Hawking

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ACROSS

- 1 scientists who study heat, sound, light, and movement
- 4 an electronic machine that imitates sounds
- 6 a disease that attacks the muscles' nerve cells
- 8 something that has brought suffering or caused pain
- 9 a scientist who studies bodies in outer space
- 11 shown with pictures, words, or symbols
- 12 a position of authority
- 13 money, information, or other aid given toward a common purpose
- 14 famous or well-known

DOWN

- 1 a teacher of high rank at a college or university
- 2 to communicate or make known
- **3** identified, after careful examination, as having a particular disease
- 5 having great knowledge or intelligence
- 7 makes difficult or gets in the way of
- 8 clumsy or unable to move easily
- 10 a single program that is part of a television series

WORD BANK: affliction, ALS, astronomer, awkward, chair, contributions, convey, depicted, diagnosed, episode, impairs, intellectual, physicists, professor, renowned, synthesizer