

Code Word 2014 Puzzle Solutions

Aristotle's Rivals

Each number obscures a logo of an organization that has a well-known rival or counterpart. By indexing into the rival by the given number, the puzzle reads "These pathos and." These refers to the logos in the puzzle, and with the "Aristotle" title there is now logos, pathos and the final answer: ETHOS

Element of Surprise

The clues all key to a particular element in the periodic table. The list of numbers at the bottom are also elements in the periodic table. Listing these horizontally, the elements from the first list are contained in the overlaps between elements in the second list (i.e. Ac and Li have a Cl between them). By removing elements from the first list from the second list the remaining letters read "AIR EARTH FIRE," so the final answer is the missing element: WATER

Stage to Stadium

By taking the first name of the first photo and the last name of the second photo in each pair of celebrities, every photo pair represents a sports player. Index into the player's most recent team with the number corresponding to the photo pair. One letter from each player then reads: CHUCK NORRIS

Lost in Translation

Each phrase on the left keys to a homophone. The alternate homophone is off from some word in the word bank by one letter. Take the letter that is replaced in the word-bank-word and form from top to bottom "gneiss two meat ewe." Thus the answer is: NICE TO MEET YOU

State of Emergency

Each headline includes two NATO letters that represent a US state. Index into the headline the number that the state entered into the union to get the answer: PUERTO RICO

Paths to Climb

When the shapes are folded they make four tetrahedral and an octahedron. These can be combined to make one large tetrahedron. There are 6 colored paths that, when correctly oriented, make six complete paths across the full pyramid. Each path has a sequence of numbers with an empty box within part of the sequence. When the missing number is filled in for each of the 6 paths, the numbers are converted directly to letters (1 = A etc). Ordering the paths in rainbow order makes: ANUBIS

Thoughts Wander

Start at the arrow and read in the direction indicated (left to right). Whenever you encounter a N, S, W, or E, switch to the corresponding cardinal direction and continue reading. The path will spell out a journal entry about quidditch and the rival of Harry. Thus, based on the puzzle's flavor text the answer is: DRACO MALFOY

In the words of Wilm Shkspr

Quotes on the left hand side are missing vowels and one consonant. The consonants when aligned read "Dbl dbl tl nd trbl," or "double double toil and trouble." When the originating dramas are filled out alongside the quotes, the boxed letters form "Who is in trouble?" Thus the answer is: MACBETH

Semacircles

In each ring pair red, yellow, and blue flags to create letters in semaphore. In some places colors overlap and are represented by their sum (i.e. red+blue=purple). Order the letters red, yellow, blue from outside to inside to form: ST PETERSBURG

Endgame

The meta puzzle is a crossword superimposed on a Sudoku. The crossword clues key off answers to the original nine puzzles. Crosswords are numbered left to right, top to bottom, and there are no blank Sudoku sections. Using the crossword mechanic and the length of the various answers the Sudoku can be solved and the crossword filled out. There are grey squares throughout the pieces of the crossword. Once filled and read from left to right, top to bottom, these read "To win the game, respond with Latin truth." Thus the answer to the question, what puzzles you, is: VERITAS