

# Paths of History by Trick

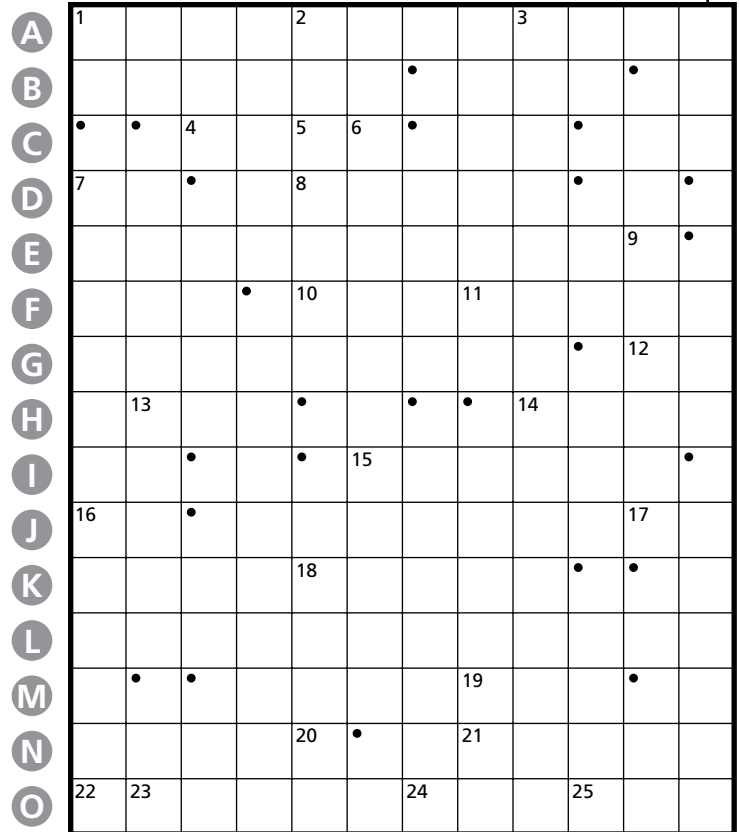
Answers fit into this grid in two ways, Rows and Paths. Each Row contains two answers placed side by side, clued in order of appearance. One Row clue in each pair contains an extra letter, always in the wordplay portion of the clue. The path of history revealed by these letters is exceedingly grim.

Path answers begin in their numbered squares and end in one of the dotted squares, making one or more horizontal or vertical turns along the way. Paths never overlap each other, nor do they make hairpin turns—i.e., no two-by-two block of grid squares can be filled by a single Path answer.

One of the puzzle's Path answers has a connection with the path spelled out by the Row clues' extra letters. If you change this answer to something more suitable (using the answer's association with its number as a guide), you may discover a more hopeful path hidden in the grid, starting in the bottom row and winding its way up horizontally and vertically.

## Rows

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| <p><b>A</b> Guy retracting a rant becomes Peace Nobelist (7)<br/>Like a strong acid cell, e.g. (5)</p> <p><b>B</b> Arctic ice lodges at Land's End drifted (7)<br/>Small plush toy's tail is yellowish-red (5)</p> <p><b>C</b> Gofer's task: Massage rear end (6)<br/>Be turned into cooked fillet (6)</p> <p><b>D</b> Water bird's low tone splitting nut (7)<br/>Gave up speaking like a Wimbledon competitor (5)</p> <p><b>E</b> Frat adopts mid-size reptile (6)<br/>Copyright removed from institute's records (6)</p> <p><b>F</b> Mischievous boy careening between the boarders (6)<br/>Many a Utahan's mother catching right on (6)</p> <p><b>G</b> Pulp novel by Richard Hooker (4)<br/>Cue aiding incompetent! (8)</p> <p><b>H</b> Common feature of jazz music: One bullet shot (4,4)</p> | <p>PC platform's sound sleep in Britain (4)</p> <p><b>I</b> Bounds along unfronted hillsides (5)<br/>Adjusted carpentry tool amid redo (7)</p> <p><b>J</b> Mark Cuban's front fin hurting (5)<br/>Princess of Monaco snares 1,000-pound blackbird (7)</p> <p><b>K</b> Loosen flaky new crust (7)<br/>Jack sees bedraggled character from <i>Breaking Bad</i> (5)</p> <p><b>L</b> Winnebago jaunt covering quarter of mile (6)<br/>Brooke going behind back of stranded motorist (6)</p> <p><b>M</b> Anyone sad? Unfortunately, it's hard to say (3,3,2)<br/>One of the Simpsons is in Los Angeles (4)</p> <p><b>N</b> Disgraced CIA director better repeat "America" (8)<br/>Actress Laura is sturdy, bearing resistance (4)</p> <p><b>O</b> Fight interrupted by large wet noise (5)<br/>Trample red ant so rudely (5,2)</p> |
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## Paths

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| <p><b>1</b> Bred with DNA inside, contrarily ordered (8)</p> <p><b>2</b> In the middle of pace lap, sedan went by (7)</p> <p><b>3</b> Hit on and ogled—flattering (7)</p> <p><b>4</b> Pocahontas's husband is female, in part (5)</p> <p><b>5</b> Nothing securing a fastener (4)</p> <p><b>6</b> Doctor canned bad musical group (5,4)</p> <p><b>7</b> Fruit coalition with zero bananas (5,4)</p> <p><b>8</b> Outside Arizona, public announcer makes less sound (7)</p> <p><b>9</b> Once again veto gambling mecca? (4)</p> <p><b>10</b> Certainly keeping New Testament set right (8)</p> <p><b>11</b> Pass over bridges from Italy (4)</p> <p><b>12</b> Friend's left arm breaking set of rules (7)</p> <p><b>13</b> Long bow's durable wood (5)</p> | <p><b>14</b> Moves away from sunken ship's explorers, seizing cut gem (8)</p> <p><b>15</b> Batters hole in carpet, returning attack (6,2)</p> <p><b>16</b> Protective application's scenes run out of order (9)</p> <p><b>17</b> Voice coaching winds down (7)</p> <p><b>18</b> Fighter's ultimate skill in dueling sport: jousting (8)</p> <p><b>19</b> <i>Cheers</i> stocks four drink garnishes (6)</p> <p><b>20</b> U.S. president owned snack jar, oddly (6,7)</p> <p><b>21</b> Dehydrates various items (8)</p> <p><b>22</b> Hidden surveillance devices heartlessly pry into swindles (7)</p> <p><b>23</b> River in Nebraska passing foamy liquid? (6)</p> <p><b>24</b> Teacher finally erased crude schoolbooks (7)</p> <p><b>25</b> Live feeds put on, showing old sitcom star (5,4)</p> |
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