

# Travelers

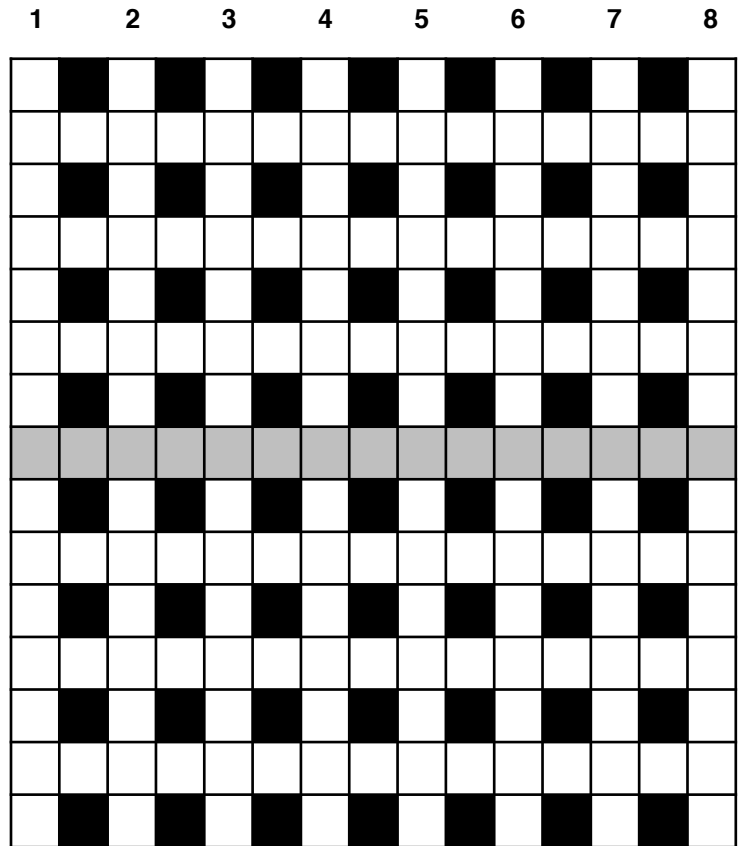
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The twelve Eastward answers travel eastward. There are two answers that fill each unshaded row, but they are in different points along their journeys, so they may begin anywhere along the row. If they come to the end of the row, they loop back to the beginning and continue. The Eastward clues are given in alphabetical order, so you will have to determine which row each answer inhabits, and the starting position within the row.

The sixteen Southward answers travel, you guessed it, southward. There are also two per column, and they are clued in order by the numbered column they are in, so they should help you figure out where the Eastward answers belong. However, each Southward clue contains a traveler of its own, in the form of a letter which must move to a different position in the clue before solving. Circle the letter that moves, and note the position of the traveling letter in the revised clue.

All of the circled letters, in order, followed by the letters clued by the new positions of the traveling letters (1 = A), in order, give a cryptic clue whose answer will describe each of six eccentric travelers hidden within the completed grid. A special Southward column to be determined will contain one word that describes how these travelers may leave you, and another word that describes a prominent feature of the travelers.

Finally, the shaded unclued row across the center will describe the travelers' appearance in a different way. If you don't have enough crossing letters, take the natural opposites of both words in the aforementioned special column to get a well-known group. The shaded row also spells out one of their more popular offerings. Happy trails!



## Eastward

All wearing nothing at club in risqué fashion

Asian island transported disc

Crazy wack cries sarcastic one-liner

Fork in unagi pinpoints blinking membranes

Fractured soil with healthy source of energy (2 words)

High controls, controlled high at interactive political event (2 words)

Lands DC player with old Saturn models

Lineup at bar missing band and DJ from 80s hip-hop act (hyphenated)

Not initially tasty, as the teenagers say, seizing attempt to initiate

Press the accelerator; that is, write earliest summary

Reclaimed cars at a party with aged tequila

Spring sound accommodating very soft dancing

## Southward

1 Ink badly solves handle of Facebook-connected brows  
Broke heart becomes lad in room interested in *Stare Wars*?

2 Via membrane, diffuses ion, e.g. one that parted a seal  
Noticeable manhood over pizza crust initially in claw

3 Rocky ally, perhaps playing "omen" tag  
For gamin, start with large, heavenly body (2 words)

4 Crud! Our debt is an isolated forte  
*Rim Talk* thanks tot with no resistance yet

5 Hydrogen atomic heat and iodine crash spurn primate,  
for one  
Gold board fundamental to Avery, simply outfitted

6 Supreme, eery, odd, ancient game containing real  
vending is dumb  
Trek leader bests buttes

7 Added green quote lover to dynamic  
A mod publication with crop (editing out rime) of "Queen of Mystery"

8 See, gasp after bisecting cat-like creature with no trail  
Aping female side in teal greens