

Final Exam

by Team Phlogizote

Each puzzle can be matched with one of the 13 plaques near the fountain in the Paul Revere Mall. There are two clues to help you match the puzzle to the plaque: 1) the portrait in the upper left corner is in the same shape as the plaque, and 2) the italicized phrase in the poem is a synonym for a phrase on the plaque. For example, the Georges Seurat poem contains the italicized phrase *chez lui, quatorze*, and the first plaque contains the phrase “his residence, 14.”

Once the plaque and phrase are identified, count up or down by the number in the puzzle’s title (this must be determined by trial and error), including lines with only stars, to find a phrase with the same enumeration as the puzzle solution. For example, the Georges Seurat puzzle is entitled “Eight if by School Bus.” If you count up 8 lines from “his residence, 14,” you get to a line with the phrase ATTACHED HIMSELF, which has the same enumeration as the answer, CRITICAL DENSITY. There is exactly one letter that falls in the same place in both phrases, the “S” in the fourth place of the second word. Thus an “S” is extracted from this puzzle/plaque combination.

PLAQUE	PUZZLE	POEM PHRASE	PLAQUE PHRASE	N	ANSWER PHRASE	PHRASE ON PLAQUE
1	Eight if by School Bus: Georges Seurat	<i>chez lui, quatorze</i>	his residence, 14	8	CRITICAL DENSITY	ATTACHED HIMSELF
2	Seventeen if by Party Bus: Samuel Adams	<i>Hello, brewski seller</i>	Salutation Tavern	17	WOMEN IN HIS FRATERNITY	YEARS OF THE REVOLUTION
3	Five if by Wheelbarrow: Rose Kennedy	<i>made an oration in church</i>	preached a sermon	5	SHE TOLD HIM LIES	ITS BELL WAS CAST
4	Fourteen if by Glass Elevator: Willy Wonka	<i>expert in candy canes</i>	Mint Master	14	LOLLIPOP QUIZ	BUILDING THAT
5	Four if by Sedan Chair/ Yankee Clipper: Ethan Allen	<i>Arctic craftsman</i>	carpenter in the North	4	ADVANCES IN SOFAS	GOVERNOR HE LIVED
6	Two if by Sea: William Dawes	<i>alert Mr. Clemens</i>	warn Samuel	2	IN DACE OF OLD	HE RODE IN THE
7	One if by Land: Paul Revere	<i>Laurel of fame</i>	Stanley	1	SCREAM AT THEM	PARCEL OF LAND
8	Six if by Sundry: Phileas Fogg	<i>folks in Bombay</i>	Indians	6	FIRING SOME ARROWS	SAMUEL SHAW ROBERT
9	Three if by Flagship: Betsy Ross	<i>fabric’s parent</i>	Father of Cotton	3	USED SHEARS	LIES BURIED
10	Thirteen if by Big Rig: John Hancock	<i>fornication</i>	sex	13	EGO COMPLEX	HIS REMOVAL
11	Twelve if by Broom: Glinda	<i>Dorothy, savior of Oz</i>	gale	12	STICKS IN YOUR GIZZARD	RECTOR OF YALE COLLEGE
12	Seven if by Fire Truck: Ben Franklin	<i>If the U.S.</i>	provided America	7	LIGHTNING BUG	POLITICAL AND
13	Nine if by UFO: Crispus Attucks	<i>fight between planets</i>	World War	9	LIFE IS SHORT	CALL OF THEIR

Doing this with all 13 puzzles and plaques gives the final metapuzzle solution: **SILL VERSE MYTH.**