

Daily Delight

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National Old Rock Day

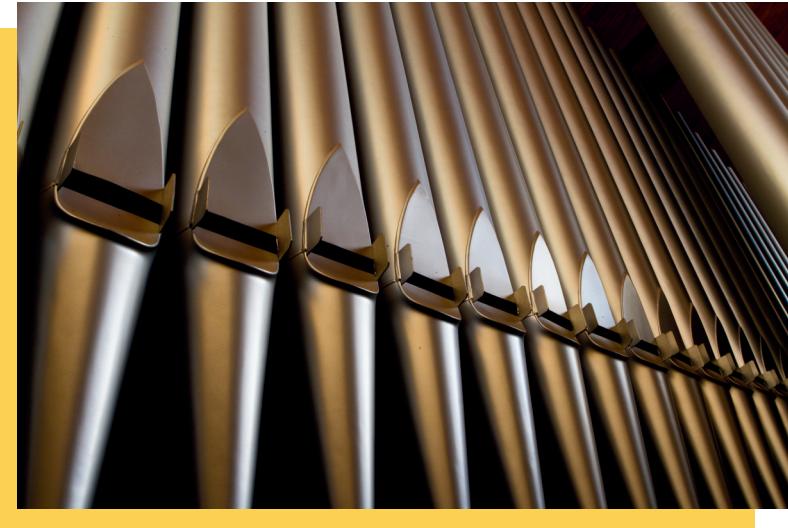
No, Old Rock Day isn't a day to celebrate Elvis (though his birthday is tomorrow), but it is a day to celebrate the old rock known as Earth, and the many rocks, stones, gems, and fossils that surround us. While natural events such as volcanic eruptions and erosion continually help create rocks on Earth, old rocks hold many answers to the mysteries of Earth's formation - they can tell scientists about natural events that played a role in the formation of the rocks, and the effects that event had on other life forms in the area, including flora and fauna. Through radiometric dating, scientists determine the age of rocks, and they go on to find out what may have caused them to thrive or go extinct. It's a good day to look for old rocks, pebbles, shells, stones, or just enjoy nature.



Today in History



In 1890, William Purvis received a patent for the fountain pen. Purvis was an African American inventor and businessman who received multiple patents for inventions that included improvements on paper bags, a closed-circuit electric railway system, and improvements to the hand stamp.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Stalacpipe Organ

Invented in 1954 and spanning 3.5 acres across Luray Caverns in Virginia, the Great Stalacpipe Organ is the world's largest musical instrument. Leland Sprinkle came up with the idea after a tour of the caves, where stalactites created beautiful sounds when struck. The organ is mostly played by an automated system, but cave organist Otto Pebworth occasionally performs. Maintenance specialists replace hammers, pickups, and wires to keep the instrument in working condition.

TRIVIA

Which treaty officially ended the Thirty Years' War in 1648 and is considered a foundation of modern state sovereignty?

A Treaty of Utrecht

B The Treaty of Ghent

C The Treaty of Westphalia

D Treaty of Hartford

TODAY'S FUNNY

There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is 5'10" tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers. He has a wife and 2 kids. What does he weigh?

Meat

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin*

WORD SEARCH

Bobblehead

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Spring

Characters

Collector

Statuette

Figurines

Iconic

Nod

Wobbly

Dashboard

Giveaway

Nostalgic

Novelty

SUDOKU

How To Play:

Each 9x9 box is comprised of 9 smaller 3x3 boxes. Each of these smaller boxes must be filled in with numbers from 1-9. Each row and column of the larger 9x9 box should not have any numbers repeated.

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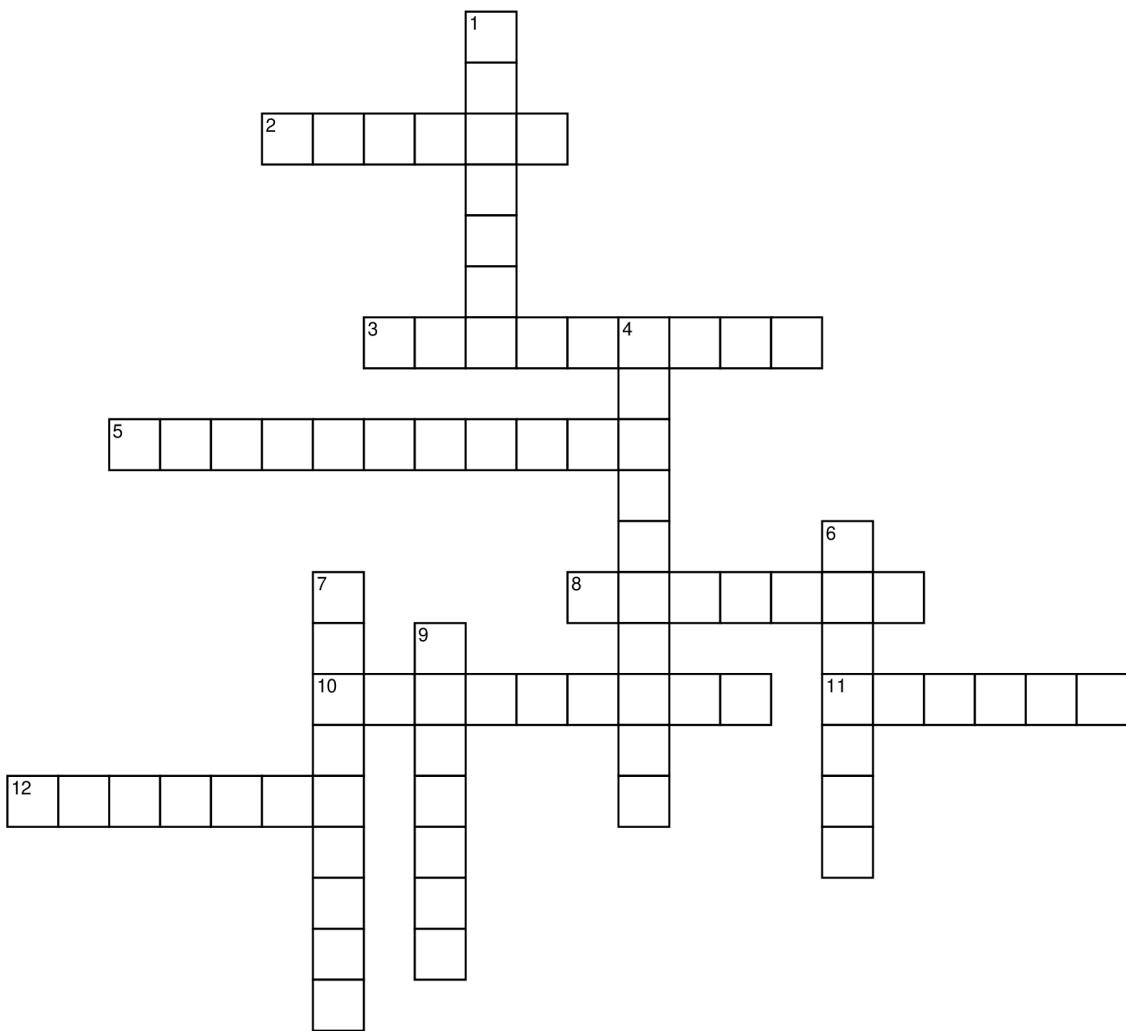
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Helpful Tip:

If you get stuck, try asking yourself “Where can I place number X in this row or column?” Scan to see if the number is already in that row, column, or box.

MINI CROSSWORD

Fix this House!



Across

- [2] Dressing table
- [3] Type of painting
- [5] "Current" expert
- [8] Picasso was one
- [10] Gnawing ant
- [11] Luminaries
- [12] Could be "draining" work

Down

- [1] Galley e.g.
- [4] Reno supervisor
- [6] Sold the house
- [7] Pick the paper and the paint
- [9] Gypsum board

Spotlight Trivia

Painters

1. What was the favorite subject of painter George Stubbs?

- A. Animals
- B. Portraits
- C. Landscapes
- D. Still Life

2. This Spanish painter was known for his "blue" period and for "cubism." What is his name?

- A. Vincent van Gogh
- B. Leonardo da Vinci
- C. Diego Rivera
- D. Pablo Picasso

3. This female American painter was famous for her large flowers, do you know who she is?

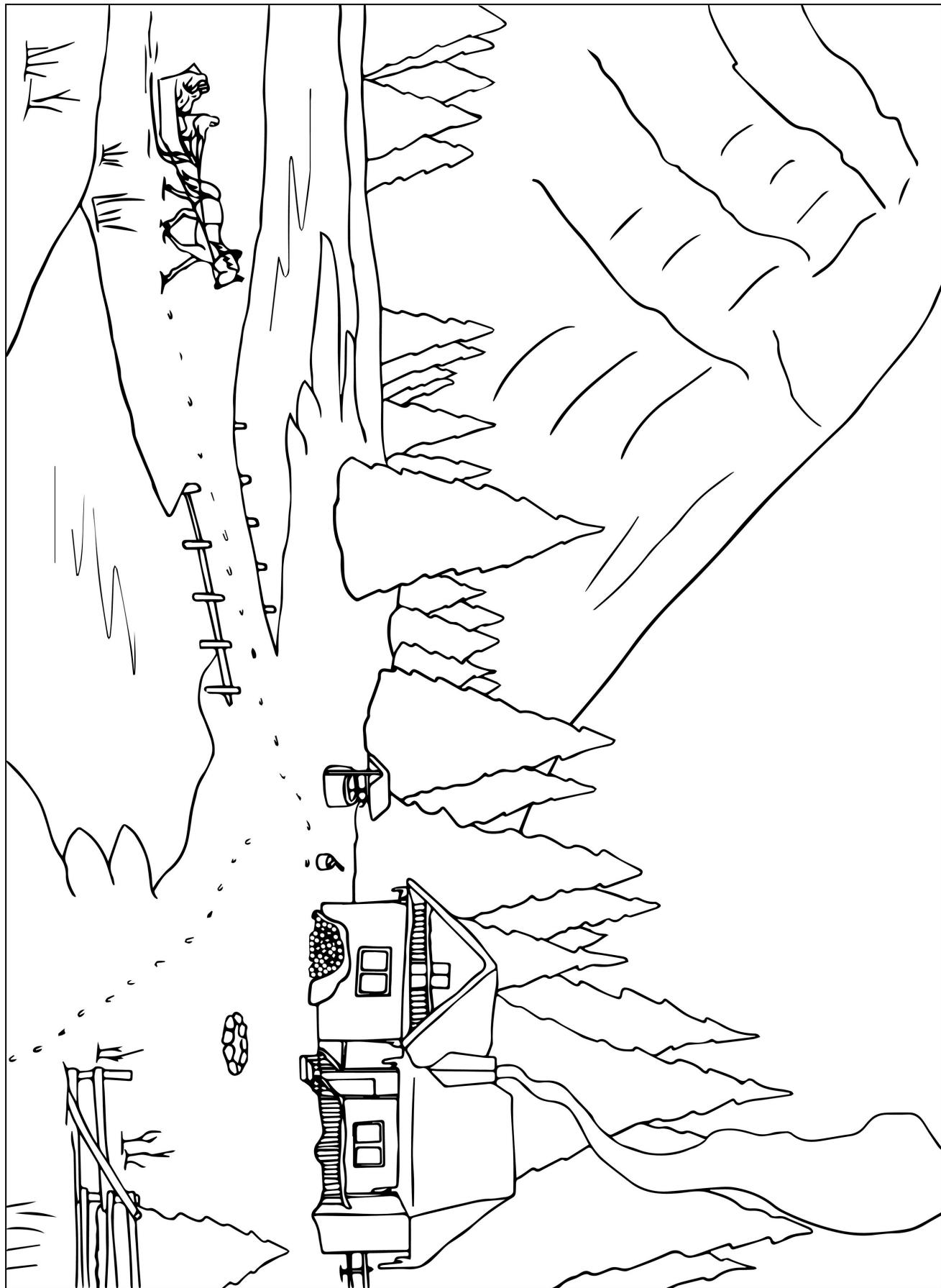
- A. Georgia O'Keefe
- B. Leonora Carrington
- C. Frida Kahlo
- D. Tamara de Lempicka

4. This Dutch artist was famous for painting sunflowers and "Starry Night." What is his name?

- A. Vincent van Gogh
- B. Rembrandt
- C. Monet
- D. Da Vinci

5. Famous for his "abstract" paintings, this Spanish painter was known for his melting clocks in "The Persistence of Time."

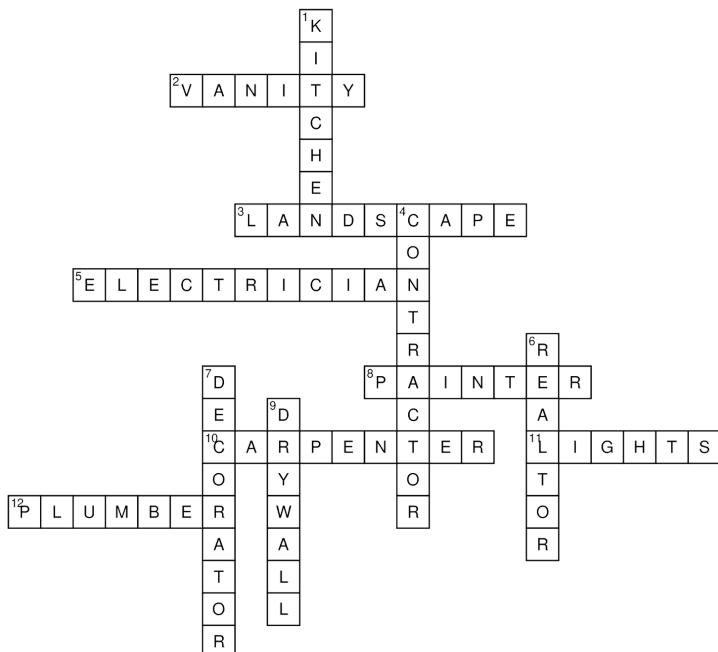
- A. Pablo Picasso
- B. Andy Warhol
- C. Jackson Pollock
- D. Salvador Dali



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C. Treaty of Westphalia

The agreements recognized the coexistence of Catholic and Protestant states in Europe.



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- 1.A. Animals
- 2.D. Pablo Picasso
- 3.A. Georgia O'Keefe
- 4.A. Vincent Van Gogh
- 5.D. Salvador Dali