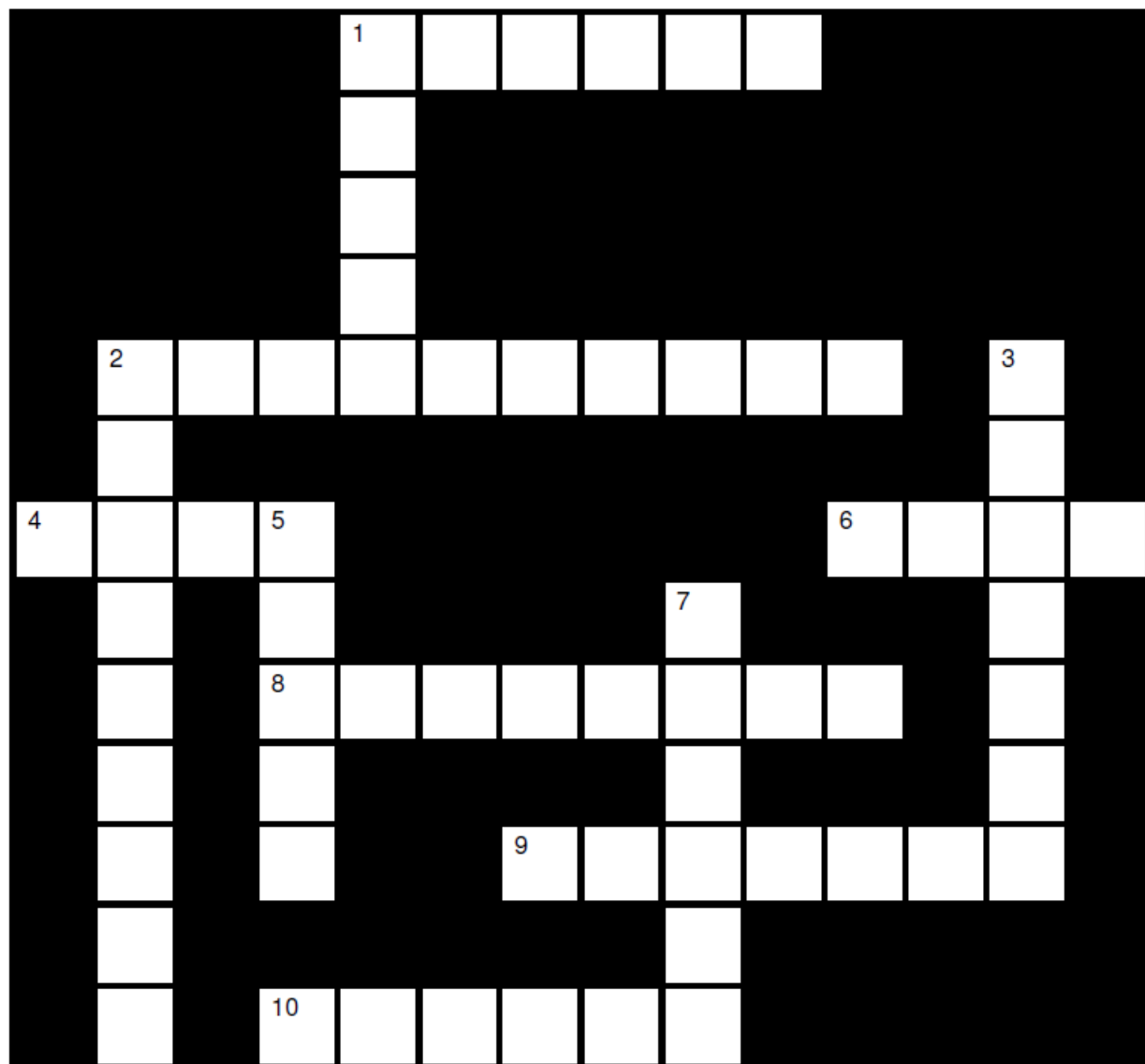


COMIC BOOK TRIVIA CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. What is the name of Charlie Brown's dog?
2. Superman's alter-ego is Clark Kent. What Kansas town did he grow up in?
4. This comic series by Harvey Comics was first published in 1953 and featured the stories of the richest kid in the world, Richie ____
6. Who drew the first Batman story? Bob ____
8. This series was created by Jim Davis in 1978. It features Jon Arbuckle and his cat, ____.
9. Charles Schulz was the artist who created Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and the gang. What did the series become known as?
10. This comic series is set in a U.S. army camp and features the capers of a soldier. ____ Bailey

DOWN

1. Superman is called "The Man of ____."
2. He was created by Stan Lee and first appeared in comics in 1962.
3. This is considered to be the first true comic book. It was published in 1933 and sold only in Woolworth's. *Famous* ____
5. This comic was created by Dik Browne in 1973 and features the adventures of a Viking warrior. ____ the Horrible
7. Created by Hank Ketcham, this comic features the antics of a five-year-old boy and his dog, Ruff. Dennis the ____



WORD LIST: BEETLE, FUNNIES, GARFIELD, HAGAR, KANE, MENACE, PEANUTS, RICH, SMALLVILLE, SNOOPY, SPIDERMAN, STEEL



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A Brief History of *Peanuts*

The first *Peanuts* strip was printed on Oct. 2, 1950, and appeared in seven newspapers. In the strip, Cartoonist Charles Schulz's famous character, Charlie Brown, walks by two friends, one of whom remarks, "Well! Here comes 'ol Charlie Brown! Good 'ol Charlie Brown ... yes, sir! Good 'ol Charlie Brown ... how I hate him!" By the end of the decade, *Peanuts* had been picked up by hundreds of newspapers and had won Schulz a Reuben award, the highest honor given by the National Cartoonists Society.

Schulz's *Peanuts* exploded during the 1960s, leaving its fingerprints on everything it touched. Charlie Brown and the gang even graced the cover of *TIME* in 1965. After Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968, Schulz added a black character; Franklin first appeared on July 31 of that year. Peppermint Patty, a multidimensional, sports-loving girl living in a single-parent household, made her debut in 1966. And Woodstock, Snoopy's yellow, feathered companion, finally got his name in 1970.

Peanuts triumphed off the printed page as well. In 1965 A Charlie Brown Christmas first aired, beginning a string of televised specials. Two later specials, *You're a Good Sport, Charlie Brown* and *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, both took home Emmy awards. In 1967, Snoopy and friends hit the stage in an off-Broadway production, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, which ran for four years. It remains one of the most performed American musicals in history. Charlie

Brown and Snoopy even went to the moon in 1969, after the Apollo X crew named their command and lunar modules after them. In later decades, Schulz's work graced the Louvre and Carnegie Hall.

Schulz's health began to deteriorate in the 1990s. His hands developed a tremor, leaving his classic lines wobblier than usual. He suffered a stroke in November 1999 that impaired his vision, memory and motivation to draw. On Dec. 14, 1999, he announced his retirement. On Jan. 3, 2000, the last *Peanuts* daily strip was published. Schulz died of complications from colon cancer on Feb. 12, one day before his final Sunday strip hit the presses. He was 78. Schulz was posthumously given the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor given to a civilian. To this day, kids around the world know and love Snoopy.



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