

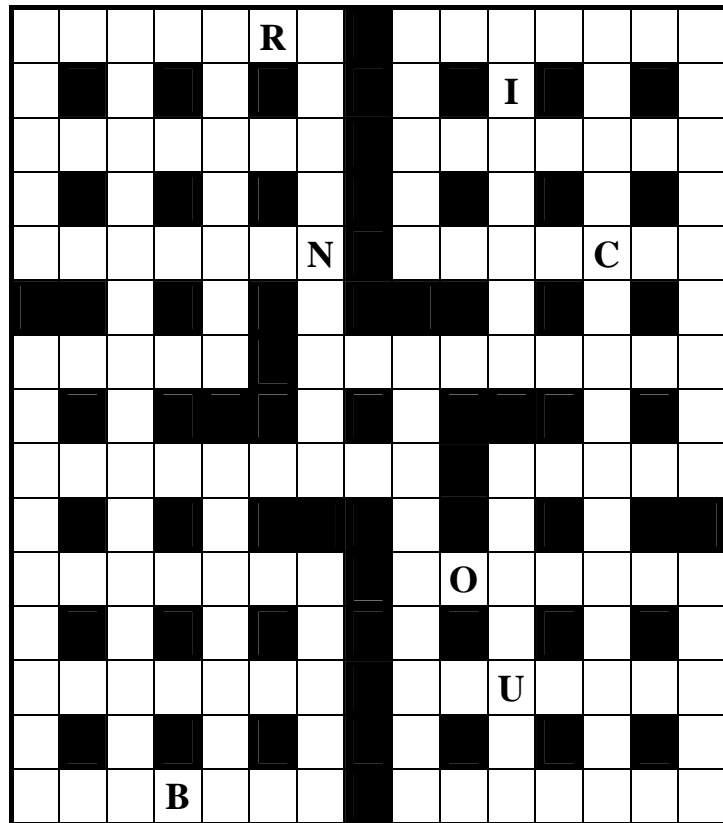


# RUBICON



RUBICON, devised by David Astle, is a hybrid of crossword, jigsaw and acrostic. First, solve as many clues as you can and begin to fit the answers inside the grid. (The scattered letters of RUBICON should give you a toehold.) When the grid is completed, arrange the *clues* from the first Across to the last Down – their 30 initial letters will spell a category. As a bonus, which six of your answers belong to the category in question?

- I say, "Shackles away!" (15)
- State of owning two valid passports (4,11)
- Bosch made the first high-voltage example in 1902 (5,4)
- Converts to eunuch (9)
- Flipside of withdrew? (9)
- Locale saddling southern Chile and Argentina (9)
- Ones staying true to the existing government (9)
- Tripoli: Libyan, as Santo Domingo:?? (9)
- Apprehended – mentally or manually (7)
- Dr Freud's treatment? (7)
- Efficacy; knack (7)
- Elder matriarch, familiarly (7)
- Extra cover, say (7)
- Extremist (7)
- Guffawed (7)
- Involving Islam's holy book (7)
- Nervously – or idly – play with (7)
- One who rejects religion (7)
- Receptacle for the brain (7)
- Recipe (7)
- Strap-lines crafted by copywriters (7)



- Stuff of novels (7)
- Vernacular for a non-scoring delivery (3,4)
- Wilful opponent of change – or an 'action franchise' (7)
- Inhume (5)
- Nitwitted colleague of Doc (5)
- Overwhelms (5)
- Reek (5)
- Roasted brew minus the kick (5)
- Yielded (5)

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