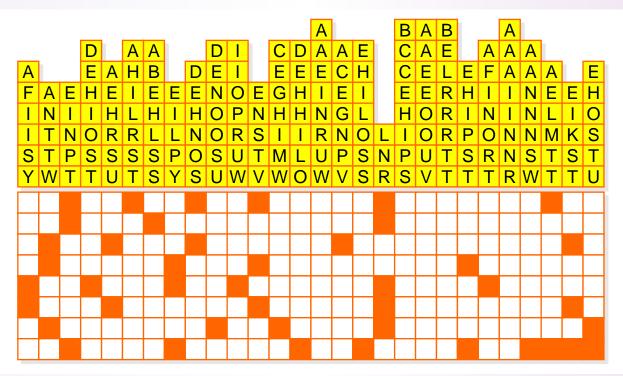


Individual Personalities? by Shelly Hazard

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Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. was a 19th century American physician, professor, and author. Considered one of the best writers of the 19th century, he's a member of the noted Fireside Poets. In this month's puzzle, he makes a playful statement regarding the state of our individual personalities.

Note: The Fireside Poets are a group of 19th-centery American poets from New England and are typically thought to comprise Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, William Cullen Bryant, John Greenleaf Whittier, James Russell Lowell, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. These men were the first American poets whose popularity rivaled that of British poets, both at home and abroad. For more information, see Wikipedia's entry on them.



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