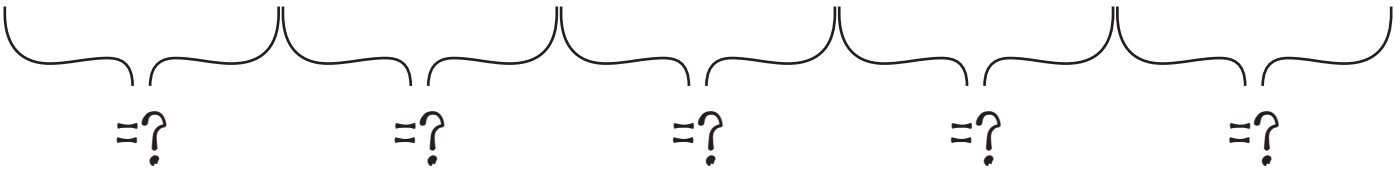


RAVEN'S SOLUTION - CLASP

Clued items can be spelled out in the Dropquote puzzle by incorporating certain gemstones in some dark squares. Each gem is the birthstone of a particular month. For each fifth of the grid, total the month numbers used and convert those numbers to letters.

C	C	A	D	E	A	E	D	A	E	D	E	E	A	E	A	E	A	A	E	C	C	E	E	I
H	E	E	P	E	A	E	E	O	N	M	E	E	H	I	D	E	C	H	E	I	J	I	M	I
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S	O			V	R	P			S	U		T	U	X	X		Y	T	T		X			T
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P	O	W	D	E	R	E	D		S	U	GARNET	F	L	I	X		C	H	R	I	S	T		T
H	E		R	E	D	E	EMERALD	O	U	S		H	U	X	L	E	Y		U	S	S		P	I
S	C	A	T	AQUAMARINE	L	E		P	E	N		I	O	L	A	N	T	H	E		O	R		T
H	E		P	E	E	R		A	N	D		T	H	E	PERIDOT	M	A	T	R	I	X		V	I
C	K	S		V	A	P	O	RUBY	O	U	R	E		T	H	E	TOPAZ	T	E	C		E	M	P
I	R	E		S	A	O		T	O	M	E		A	N	D		P	R	I	N	C	I	PEARL	O
	G	U	T	H	R	I	E		S	W	E	E	T		P	O	T	A	T	OPAL	J	O	E	Y



- MARCH (3)
- MAY (5)
JULY (7)
- JANUARY (1)
- AUGUST(8)
NOVEMBER (11)
- JUNE (6)
OCTOBER (10)