

**"ACADEMIC
CIRCLES"
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- 1 Org. on workplace posters
- 5 Sweet-toothed crawlers
- 9 Financial resources
- 14 Clubs for chips
- 19 More than expected
- 20 Adversaries
- 21 Group of eight
- 22 Unaccustomed to
- 23 Mike of "Dirty Jobs"
- 24 Seeking a seat
- 27 Pacific coast barkers
- 29 __ Estados Unidos
- 30 Feeling of gloom
- 31 Hard-to-split wood
- 32 Comes out on top
- 33 Not trans or enby
- 34 Unsubstantiated
- 36 Staged
- 38 Explains something in simple terms
- 41 Playful growl
- 42 Yukon gold rush region
- 43 Uses a sieve
- 47 401(k) alternatives
- 48 De-iced?
- 49 State flower of New Mexico
- 53 Pucker-inducing
- 54 The Blue Jays, on sports crawls
- 55 "Roman Holiday" star
- 59 GameCube successor
- 60 Burned, in a way
- 62 "The Pioneer Woman" host
- 63 Bearing
- 65 Scolding sounds
- 67 Tossed dish
- 70 Herring kin
- 71 Harmless fib
- 75 Angry growl
- 76 Time-honored maxim
- 80 House Stark patriarch
- 81 Auto-erased item on a hard drive
- 86 Exec overseeing accounts
- 87 Healing ointment
- 89 Spacious hotel offering
- 90 Core constituency
- 91 "Get outta here!"
- 92 Starting lineup

- 94 Crude structures
- 97 Spot for solar panels
- 98 Connecticut state song
- 102 Hilarious sorts
- 103 Leaves high and dry
- 104 Calendar divs.
- 105 Noble above a viscount
- 106 High euchre card
- 108 Classical closing
- 109 Copa Mundial cheer
- 110 Products that help prevent chapping
- 114 Fluffy brunch item baked in a skillet
- 118 Wind like a snake
- 119 Solo
- 120 Anne of fashion
- 121 __-Ball
- 122 "Shogun" streaming service
- 123 Lightheaded?
- 124 Put in stitches
- 125 Leaves in hot water

- 126 Really small matter
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- 1 Steering implements on dragon boats
 - 2 Blackthorn berry
 - 3 "Oh boy, that's uncomfortable"
 - 4 Drawing rooms?
 - 5 Picked hairstyles
 - 6 Plus or minus
 - 7 Change for a 20, maybe
 - 8 ID with hyphens
 - 9 Snowboard cousin
 - 10 Heart charts, briefly
 - 11 Org. concerned with traffic
 - 12 Virtual animal such as Xweetok
 - 13 Leave high and dry
 - 14 Tributary streams
 - 15 Penalty caller
 - 16 Injuries, to a tot
 - 17 Salt, in a chem lab
 - 18 Thorn's spot

- 25 "Odyssey" prequel
- 26 "Be a Revolution" author Ijeoma
- 28 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
- 33 Part of CDC
- 34 Traffic jam
- 35 Newton or tesla
- 36 Corn chip
- 37 "The West Wing" creator Sorkin
- 38 Ran in the wash
- 39 Crowd noise
- 40 "The __ Boat Song": classic Scottish ballad that opens "Outlander"
- 42 Oft-cracked joints
- 44 Babe in the woods
- 45 Destiny's Child, for one
- 46 Mix
- 50 Chem. in some dispensary products
- 51 Sticks in a pool hall
- 52 Tank top openings

- 55 Good thing to have
- 56 Vote in favor
- 57 "Hey Arnold!" bully
- 58 Writer Zora __ Hurston
- 61 Hairy Addams cousin
- 64 Contribute
- 66 Shang-Chi player Liu
- 68 Flight board abbr.
- 69 Signs of drought
- 71 Org. for the Fever
- 72 Preliminary race
- 73 Doing nothing
- 74 Prefix with dermis
- 77 End-of-term cry, and an alternate title for this puzzle
- 78 Underway
- 79 Dog sounds
- 82 Great Plains Natives
- 83 Tara of "Sharknado"
- 84 Leaf-peeping season
- 85 Archipelago part

- 88 Guatemala native
- 91 Hot sauce served with pho
- 93 Moved in step
- 95 Area prone to flooding
- 96 No longer asleep
- 99 Gaming greenhorn
- 100 Some classic cameras
- 101 Make possible
- 102 Sheep with horns
- 103 "Same here!"
- 105 Swords with bell guards
- 106 Tiny amount
- 107 Cherry-pick
- 109 Mayberry boy
- 110 Michigan, for one
- 111 Store with a Swedish food market
- 112 Metric weight
- 113 Urban renewal target
- 115 "Inside Politics" channel
- 116 Wood used in cabinetry
- 117 Duluth winter hrs.

