

Almost There

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Across

- 1. Early time
- 6. Odd-numbered page
- 11. Discouraging words
- 14. Fail to be
- 15. Do-nothing
- 16. "I" problem
- 17. Important to
- 19. Make sense, with "up"
- 20. Asian wrap
- 21. Scientist Newton
- 22. Type of code
- 23. Mas' mates
- 25. Sultans' headgear
- 27. Not melodious
- 32. Fuel from fens
- 33. Pay dirt
- 34. After dinner treats, perhaps
- 36. "Don't give me that!"
- 39. Japan's "Second City"
- 41. Chit
- 42. Percolate
- 43. Carpenter of song
- 44. Zoroastrian
- 46. Born, in bios
- 47. Accomplishment
- 49. Brewer's container
- 51. Rotund
- 54. Place for a price
- 55. New Testament book
- 56. Boisterous
- 59. Therefore
- 63. Not me
- 64. Wide of the mark
- 66. Commit a faux pas
- 67. Acquired relative
- 68. Bathroom item, at times

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- 69. Chemical suffix
- 70. Outplays
- 71. Combustible heaps

Down

- 1. Not avec
- 2. Fertilizer ingredient
- 3. Theme of this puzzle
- 4. Green
- 5. "Harper Valley ____"
- 6. Clears
- 7. Icelandic epic
- 8. Traction aid
- 9. Saucer sitter
- 10. NHL legend Bobby
- 11. Close
- 12. Nash of poetry

- 13. Bubbly drinks
- 18. Japanese-American
- 22. Belittle
- 24. Annual book of facts
- 26. Copy
- 27. Captured
- 28. "Major" animal
- 29. Soon (with "in the")
- 30. Make short cuts?
- 31. Brown ermine
- 35. Positive
- 37. Breezed through
- 38. Snack for Miss Muffet
- 40. Loudly laments
- 45. Woodland deity
- 48. Seat of power

- 50. Administrative unit of government
- 51. Check casher
- 52. Squirrel food
- 53. Cat calls
- 57. "Come again?"
- 58. Morning moistures
- 60. Back
- 61. Battering wind
- 62. Assayers' stuff
- 64. Bird's beak
- 65. Clairvoyance, e.g.