

# Puzzle 256 – Freestyle 221

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## Across

- 1 Letter with vertical symmetry  
 4 "Don't go any further"  
 7 Works named for the material they were originally printed on  
 11 Poor little sucklers  
 14 Word that never follows a superlative  
 15 Most valuable layers?  
 16 Having a radix of eight  
 17 She was depicted on the halfpenny for over 250 years  
 19 Answering of accusations by purely bringing up counter-accusations, slangily  
 21 Folks interested in the American theater?  
 25 A.A. figure  
 26 One of several making a case?  
 27 Course at a French restaurant  
 28 Russian staple made in its own namesake pan  
 30 Moderator on Reddit, essentially  
 32 Need for soft hands  
 33 Middle Eastern flatbread akin to Indian naan (not, as it looks, how one might misspell a word for "bountiful")  
 35 Inventory  
 37 Opposite of endo-  
 38 Bobby in the Auto Racing Hall of Fame  
 42 Lip-out follower  
 43 It may have an org. chart  
 45 What Barack Obama and Bob Dylan have in common  
 47 Body suit, e.g., informally  
 48 "What was that? I keep forgetting"  
 51 Sarcastic motto for a college student who expends minimum effort to graduate  
 54 Do an extemporaneous exercise in composition  
 57 Leftover trace  
 58 "Don't think so!"  
 59 Frank Sinatra or John F. Kennedy  
 60 Athlete on a team that once played in a stadium nicknamed "The Eighth Wonder of the World"  
 61 Opposite of "snowy"  
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 63 Go through diligently

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## Down

- 1 Leading edge of a cutter  
 2 Mentioned before  
 3 Modern portmanteau word for the anti-circumcision movement  
 4 It takes its toll  
 5 Contents of some hurricane glasses  
 6 Blanched, say  
 7 Shell out  
 8 A golden one is traditionally used to help select Tibetan lamas  
 9 Something to bow your head for  
 10 Feature of many '80s "GI Joe" cartoon shows, briefly  
 12 Second daughter of Tsar Nicholas II  
 13 Member of a major ethnic minority in Kazakhstan  
 14 Pieces that adjust hose clamps  
 18 Trader that may work in forex, slangily  
 20 Folks in the middle of the Kinsey scale, casually  
 22 Relatively light viewing option  
 23 "Let's get serious"  
 24 Back part  
 25 Go on  
 28 Get cloudy  
 29 Egypt was the first Arab country to recognize it: Abbr.  
 31 What a certain holder helps you hold  
 34 Facilitator of lifting  
 36 Cutting pieces  
 39 Senators' leverage, perhaps  
 40 Hardly a good helper?  
 41 Gloomy  
 44 "Naughty's \_\_\_\_" (best-of compilation from rap group Naughty by Nature)  
 46 Clothing rack abbr.  
 49 State that's home to the University of Wollongong: Abbr.  
 50 "The Taj City"  
 52 Home to the legislative body known as Oireachtas  
 53 Musician Annie Lennox, e.g.  
 54 Its seal appears at the start of many films  
 55 Something to do for your life?  
 56 Roosevelt \_\_\_\_ (Northwestern US subspecies)