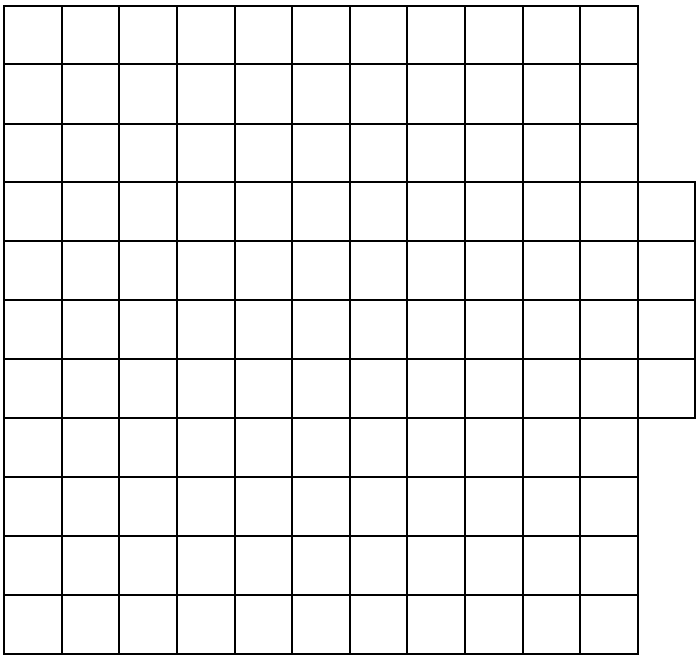
Puzzle # 63 — August 2006 "Portrait of the Artist"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eleven letters and include four proper names, one foreign word, and one acronym), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next line; down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Five across words and four down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those nine letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase appropriate to the grid and the four unclued *mystery words*. As ever, I am indebted to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Northern territory over there including Britain
2. Soldier rereading *At War*
3. Walk slowly and fry right around noon
4. *Mystery entry*
5. Finally arranging to see his works
6. Court essentially rated fat
7. Goal of sailor: having progeny
8. Start of trouble: mistake leads to panic
9. Right inside of the body's a tube
10. Seafarer circles at a great distance
11. Await talk on spit
12. Note: cavity contains nothing like pitch
13. Statement about housing condition in Paris
14. Breaking crust true to form
15. Lose time with quest for alien life
16. Suitable part of chapter
17. Study shell of crayfish and mollusk
18. Tablet with note for chaplain
19. *Mystery entry*
20. Motor south carrying trunk
21. End of old New York subway filth
22. Reflecting with Joan about radical band
23. Athenian lawmaker to end all in the near future

Down

1. The two-grand thief
2. Blowing safer hydrogen once more
3. Lively tour around right Cape Cod town
4. Raise the terminally dead
5. Money for Spanish King
6. Fixed with a bristle
7. Good-bye, royal Mongolian
8. Zoroaster's facetious tribute
9. Given food, keeping it back; it's foul smelling
10. Errors around union lead to depression
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Ditty about a rabbi's dress
13. Run in utter disarray for tower
14. Gide, *père*, analyzed descent
15. Stop holding up fifty for effect
16. Penny-pincher's timeless title
17. Poisonous animal in spasm
18. Headband and ring inside horn
19. Mom, maybe, split
20. What you pay a boor speaking Pig Latin
21. Hear a nobleman reckon
22. Charge after a fashion for lead
23. Four chinchillas trapping a hedgehog
24. *Mystery entry*

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