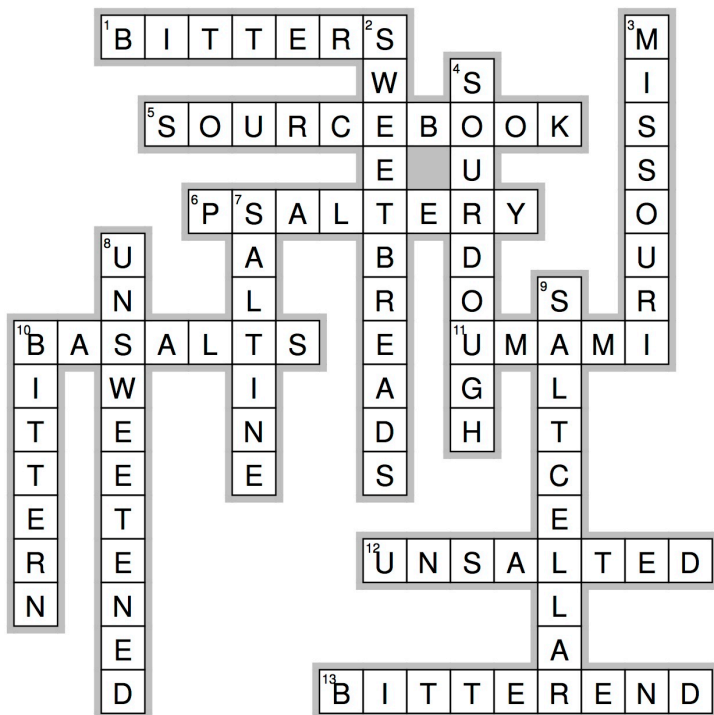


The First Aftertaste **SOLUTION**



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Across

1. BITTERS — e.g., Angostura
5. SOURCEBOOK — A game product supplement, e.g., "Shadowrun 2050" or "DMGR1"
6. PSALTERY — Like a zither, psort of
10. BASALTS — Igneous rocks
11. UMAMI — Flavor produced by monosodium glutamate
12. UNSALTED — Lacking sodium chloride
13. BITTEREND — Our December 2011 location puzzle answer

Down

2. SWEETBREADS — Culinary name for the thymus and pancreas
3. MISSOURI — U.S. battleship upon which General MacArthur said, "These proceedings are now closed!"
4. SOURDOUGH — San Francisco's favorite bread
7. SALTINE — Square soup cracker invented by F.L. Sommer & Co.
8. UNSWEETENED — Without any added sugars
9. SALTCELLAR — A holder, not a shaker
10. BITTERN — A heron, for example



After filling in all the crossword answers, look at the words corresponding to the color-coded clues. Put those in rainbow order (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet), then take the **FIRST** letter **AFTER** the substring in each word which describes a **TASTE** (bitter, salt, sour, sweet, or umami).

For example, the first rainbow color is **red**, which corresponds to **6-across**: **"Like a zither, psort of."** The answer is **PSALTERY**. The taste substring is **SALT**, and the first letter after that is **E**.

ANSWER: "ESSENCE"