

Solution to Browncoats

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- The first page should be solved in its entirety before moving onto the second page. The trick here is to find out what all these characters have in common. It turns out all the characters mentioned are played by one of the main cast of the (canceled) Fox show Firefly. For those who haven't seen the show (shame on you), a search of the puzzle title "Browncoats" on any of your favorite search engines will show an entire first page with some mention of Firefly (or Serenity the movie based on the show), in addition Wikipedia will take you directly to the correct page from a search.
- Now, each of the blanks can be filled in with the full name of the Firefly character played by the same actor that played the given character. These are:
 - A. Jayne Cobb
 - B. Inara Serra
 - C. Zoe Alleyne Washburne
 - D. River Tam
 - E. Derrial Book
 - F. Kaywinnit Lee Frye
 - G. Malcolm Reynolds
 - H. Simon Tam
 - I. Hoban Washburne
- With this information in hand, the acrostic on the second page can be filled out (this is far less tedious if done on the website provided).
- Once this is done, the puzzle turns into a word search with all of the words related to Firefly (except sadly 'belle' and 'ball' which are simply clued in the flavortext). Wikipedia has excellent lists of episodes, characters and moon/planets as well as the only two executive producers. The list of words in alphabetical order (which is as they appear in the word bank) is:

Ariel [E] [P]	Hera [P]	Niska [C]
Ball	Joss Whedon [EP]	Reaver [V]
Beaumonde [P]	Jubal Early [C]	Serenity [E]
Belle	Minear [EP]	Tracey [C]
Haven [M]	Monty [C]	Trash [E]

[Legend]
EP - executive producers
C - minor characters
V - villain
E - episodes
P - planets
M - moons

- Reading the leftover letters in the word search (across first, then down) spells out THEIR MAIN WORD FOR COOL which any fan of the show (or an internet search) will tell you is **SHINY**.