Across
1. Start of a word chain
7. Tread
11. Moo goo gai pan pan
14. Beethoven symphony
15. Dental school exam?
16. "___ making myself clear?"
17. Lawn-care products brand
18. Particle accelerator
20. High rating
22. Appeasing words from a nervous postman?
23. Step 3 in the chain
26. Step 4 in the chain
28. Computer-sharing setup
29. Shut up
31. Step 5 in the chain
35. It may make you see things
36. People of Ghana
40. "Clever me!"
41. Make formal dinner arrangements?
42. ___-Magnon
43. Deborah's "The King and I" co-star
44. Loose overcoat
45. Hee-___
46. Step 6 in the chain
48. Altar exchange
50. Summer in Montréal
51. Step 8 in the chain
54. Step 9 in the chain
56. "Water" weapons
59. Alt.country singer Adams
61. Clothing
63. Frozen food brand
67. Frontier justice Bean

68. Udder part
69. Shylock
70. N.F.L. scores
71. Web programmer's medium
72. Step 2 in the chain

Down
1. ___ Plaines, Ill.
2. Frodo pursuer
3. Murmur
4. Colossus
5. Candles in a menorah, e.g.
6. Tabula ___
7. Melodramatic whimper
8. Rocker Reznor
9. Really love something, with "up"
10. Money put on a horse to finish second
11. Charge
12. 1847 tale of the South Seas
13. End of the word chain
19. Yukon, e.g.: Abbr.
21. Degrades
23. Soothes
24. Take a mortar and pestle to
25. Ultimate purpose
27. Adjustable
30. Rank above viscount and below marquis
32. Shun
33. Fill with bubbles
34. One with answers
37. Have-not
38. Poi root
41. Propose
47. Theta-kappa go-between
49. Thinly spread
52. Admiral's command
53. Muhammad's religion
55. Outdo
56. Step 7 in the chain
57. Classic, Touch or Nano, e.g.
58. 1974 Sutherland/Gould film
60. Part of F.Y.I.
62. Cardinal letters?
64. Lyricist Gershwin
65. "Agnus ___"