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Across

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- Legendary character from Greek mythology at centre of furore about diverse casting in new blockbuster film version of *The Odyssey*
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- Muhammad, Ayaan Hirsi, Ibn Abi Talib Chemical, Ağca, *Fear Eats the Soul*
- 6
- 1966 Hammer classic known for ahistoricity, acclaimed animation of Ray Harryhausen and iconic image of cavewoman Loana in animal skin bikini (initials)
- 8
- “Avoid all travel to ... due to the threat of terrorism, kidnapping and banditry” Land-locked republic in West Africa with extreme travel warning
- 9
- “The girls with a passion for fashion” Popular US doll line with diverse members Yasmin, Cloe, Jade and Sasha (also Meygan, Fianna, Shira, Roxxi and Phoebe) known for multiple issues inc. body image, sexualization of minors, age-inappropriate acculturation esp. in controversial “Secret Date” double pack with mystery partner concealed behind door etc.

Down

- 1
- Terrifying, “second generation” weapon from Cold War detonated in South Pacific Nov 1st 1952 in test code-named *Ivy Mike* obliterating island of Elugelab in Enewetak Atoll (1-4)
- 2
- Classic of British rock by *Derek and the Dominoes* inspired by 7th century Arabian love story about poet driven insane by thwarted love reflecting secret feelings of songwriter Eric Clapton for George Harrison’s wife Pattie Boyd in 60s
- 3
- Sinister, Haifa-based, Israeli military technology company with research, development and manufacturing hub in Filton, UK at centre of notorious Palestine Action protest of 6th August 2024 (and troubling aftermath) by so-called Filton Six
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- Nixon in China* (initials)
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- Miss Ayn Rand *or* Mr. Al Rio (initials)