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Across

- 1 Alcyoneus, Porphyriion, Og, Goliath, Fasolt, Fafner, Slay-Good, Despair, Maul, André etc.
- 7 Haunting poem by Wilfred Owen portraying death as welcome relief from nightmare of trench warfare in WWI
- 8 Handmaid of Biblical matriarch Leah given to patriarch Jacob to assist in procreation of twelve tribes of Israel in peculiar etiological myth cycle establishing immutable hierarchies in cosmology of exilic Levitical authors
- 9 Greatly loved US sporting legend, Muslim convert and conscientious objector vilified savagely as naïve, traitorous and uppity in conservative, racist climate of America in 60s
- 10 “Ooh, baby, baby, baby, baby / Ooh, baby, baby, ba-baby, baby / Get up on this etc.” Exuberant 1987 *Salt-n-Pepa* classic (initials)
- 11 Iconic English school educating ruling elite since 1440
- 12 Protest group opposed to National Service (reinstated by Menzies government in 1964) and Australian involvement in Vietnam War vilified as naïve and/or traitorous, members famously gaoled in Fairlea Women’s Prison for handing out anti-Conscription leaflets on government property in conservative climate of Melbourne in 60s (enormously influential in turning public opinion leading to historic Whitlam victory in 1972, end of conscription, release of conscientious objectors and end of Australian complicity in criminal American war in SE Asia) (initials)
- 13 Advanced model Terminator cyborg assassin series employing shapeshifting, polymimetic alloy technology in alluring female form (sent back in time to terminate John Connors) (AKA *Terminatrix*) (1-1)

Down

- 1 Long-suffering inhabitants of coastal enclave in eastern Mediterranean called the world’s largest open-air concentration camp blockaded by land, air and sea and terrorized intermittently by vicious neighbour
- 2 Salafi Jihadist organization with vision of global caliphate in rage-fueled revenge fantasy for crimes of West in Arab lands (see above)
- 3 Members of military alliance against common enemy (Central Powers, Triple Entente, NATO, Coalition of the Willing etc.)
- 4 Russian rock band from Leningrad (*70 Moments of Spring*, *Dissonance*, *Encyclopedia of Russian rock* (compilation) etc.) named after economic initiative of Lenin from 20s (Russian *Н.Э.П.*)
- 5 Commonplace domestic object orbiting sun in famous argument of Bertrand Russell about existence of God and burden of proof for it
- 6 Malevolent hybrid monster in Greek mythology known for trick questions (“One of two sisters gives birth to the other who in turn gives birth to the first. Who are they?”) wrong answers resulting in horrible deaths

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