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Across

- 1** "... Allahu akbar! ... Allahu akbar! ... Allahu akbar!" Fervent communal prayer performed by Muslims as an expression of faith in times of distress or joy or to convey determination or defiance in the face of collective adversity
- 5** Ottolenghi lunch (initials)
- 6** Smoldering, 108-year-old vampire in hugely popular teen fantasy franchise of 00s
- 9** Everyday word causing great amusement amongst young when submitted to Siri for definition
- 10** Capital of Japan during Tokugawa shogunate from 1603 until Meiji restoration in 1868
- 11** Best-selling US author of lurid airport fiction inc. *Exodus*, *QB VII* and *The Haj* (called by one reviewer "cheap anti-Palestinian racism parading as literature") also greatly loved backing band of Barry White in 70s (and Danish American drummer/co-founder of *Metallica*) (initials)
- 12** Mixed up vessel associated with navigational mishap in sea voyage intended as a three hour tour resulting in extended stay on uncharted desert isle by colourful group of castaways

Down

- 1** Arresting, 1950 screen debut of Marlon Brando in harrowing study of paraplegia in US soldiers returning from WW2 and the difficulties of reintegration into civilian life in 50s (3, 3)
- 2** Demonstration of utter subservience to emperor of China involving three complete prostrations and knocking head on ground nine times
- 3** Neologism for feeling flat, lethargic and reluctant to attend work also turgid, unnecessary verbiage ("We shall not cease from exploration / And the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive where we started / And know the place for the" T. S. Eliot)
- 4** Backwards lipstick writing in turgid scene from *The Shining* characteristic of leaden touch of acclaimed director
- 7** Multi-millionaire Egyptian businessman film producer playboy killed to prevent possibility of Muslim half-sibling of heir to English throne (in controversial belief of heartbroken father)
- 8** Sustained romantic association between two people (Australian informal)