

Bright Rite

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The answer to the meta is a current event

ACROSS

- 1 Exothermic chemical combustion
- 5 "In a fit of ___ she married the Greek and now she lives in mink" (lyrics from "The Ballad of Bethnal Green")
- 10 Makeshift watercraft
- 14 Approximately 50% of all binary digits
- 15 Glowing coal taken from 1 across
- 16 Fashion publication
- 17 Oft-torn knee parts
- 18 "So long!"
- 19 Adhere
- 20 Pretentious pronoun
- 21 The Sun, for example
- 22 Something served in Maths class on the 14th of March, perhaps
- 23 Abrasive powder
- 25 To the ___ degree
- 27 Object in a swords-and-sandals epic that only comes out at night
- 30 Bend out of shape
- 32 Video game that popularised the word "sus"
- 34 Jamaican coffee liqueur, "___ Maria"
- 35 Be indebted to
- 36 Form 1040 org.
- 37 Brightness that results from heating something
- 42 Not quite right
- 43 Apt acronym for the Office of Refugee Resettlement (just trying to get away from hockey references!)

- 44 ___-Magnon man
- 45 Rupture in the Earth's crust spewing lava
- 48 Effect caused by the interaction of atoms in the upper atmosphere and charged particles from the Sun
- 52 Cockney, for example
- 53 Roxette member, ___ Gessle
- 56 ___ up (spoke)
- 57 Copy
- 58 Collection of items
- 60 Mine yield
- 61 Desk accessory
- 63 Sister's daughter
- 65 Warmongering deity
- 66 "Oh, that makes sense"
- 67 "Sesame Street" character known for his rubber duckie
- 68 Coup d' ___
- 69 CCCP
- 70 Spiral-horned antelope
- 71 Took the train

DOWN

- 1 Got frothy
- 2 Something 36 across is very interested in
- 3 Feeling of happiness that something unpleasant didn't happen
- 4 13 down preceder
- 5 Annoying person
- 6 "Let me rephrase that..."
- 7 Arcade game that takes place on a pyramid

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- 8 One-eighty down under
- 9 We are currently in one named after Biden
- 10 Vicinity
- 11 Hypersensitive, in a way
- 12 "I had a little bird, it's name was Enza" referent
- 13 4 down follower
- 21 Country bounded by Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Israel
- 22 "See other side" (abbr.)
- 24 Campus military org.
- 26 Hems' partners
- 28 Medical breakthrough
- 29 Hard-wearing and heat resistant drill bit
- 31 1986 French film, "___ des Sources"
- 33 Tourist magnet
- 35 Where the banner was waving with respect to the ramparts
- 37 "Well, ___ one, think that..."
- 38 Pro gridiron match-ups
- 39 Let fall
- 40 What 45 across must do to qualify
- 41 Edible seaweed
- 42 Caesar's eggs
- 46 Cu
- 47 Consumed food
- 49 Town after which a sweet, fortified red wine is named
- 50 Enjoy a favourite book
- 51 "___ Fideles" (Christmas song)
- 54 Justice ___ Kagan
- 55 Toxin derived from castor beans
- 59 Potential plant
- 61 Canadian actor, Simi ___, known for playing Jung Kim in the sitcom "Kim's Convenience" (oh yes, and Shang-Chi in Marvel movies; I probably should have led with that)
- 62 Braying member of the horse family
- 63 Maiden name preceder
- 64 Online abbr. meaning "face-to-face"
- 65 Irish flyer, ___ Lingus