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- 1 - In the original Italian, a "barista" is a barkeeper; but in English usage it has come to mean a "coffee artist"
- 5 - Elspeth Huxley (née Grant) was married to Gervas (a cousin of Aldous); her most famous work is "The Flame Tree of Thika"
- 9 - This description of ruthless behaviour may have started as a deliberate contradiction of the Latin proverb "dog does not eat dog"
- 10 - A rather derogatory term which the OED cites as first appearing in 1923; the explanations of its origin are far from convincing
- 11 - Vlad Dracula (aka Vlad the Impaler) was a famous Wallachian ruler; and his family name was the source of Bram Stoker's Dracula
- 12 - Emmeline Pankhurst (as played by Meryl Streep) was a comparatively minor character in the film "Suffragette"; but a giant of that movement
- 14 - We think of a quadrangle as a four-sided enclosure (particularly in a school) but it can also be any four-sided plane (ie a quadrilateral)
- 16 - Lohengrin comes to Brabant via a swan-boat; this returns at the denouement when a curse is broken and Elsa's brother is restored
- 18 - Jason (of Golden Fleece) fame undertook his journeys on the Argo; hence his companions are known as the Argonauts
- 20 - Although we call it the "Pythagoras Theorem"; this relationship was in fact known to the Babylonians a good 1,000 years earlier
- 23 - As portrayed in "The King's Speech", Lionel Logue used elocution lessons to help the future King George VI manage a stutter
- 25 - To give its full title, the "Antoinette Perry Award for Excellence in Broadway Theatre"; but known as the "Tony Award" to one and all
- 27 - Humans use base 10 (decimal) to count on fingers; so presumably spiders would use base 8 (octal) to count on their legs
- 28 - The "air fryer" was originally a brand name for a ground-breaking 2010 Philips model; but this name is now used generically
- 29 - Old term for a mail-coach or four-in-hand pleasure coach (as well as being a cry from the hunt)
- 30 - When Poseidon was incorporated into the Roman pantheon he became Neptune (now associated with rivers as well as the sea)

DOWN

- 1 - The Venerable Bede's was a great scholar of antiquity; his most famous work is "Ecclesiastical History of the English People"
- 2 - Although it typically refers to the symbols of royalty, regalia can also mean the rights or prerogatives of royalty
- 3 - see 6
- 4 - Andy Pandy first appeared in 1950; he was soon joined by Teddy (a teddy bear) and Looby Loo (a rag doll) all in the picnic basket
- 5 - Lord Elgin took about half of the marble sculptures of the Parthenon; the Greek Government is demanding their return to Greece
- 6 - Arguably one could set a low standard; but I have mainly seen the term used in the context of the standard at least being acceptable
- 7 - Eyebrows are more scientifically known as supercilia; see the Roger Moore school of acting for eyebrow gestures
- 8 - In a right-angled triangle, the hypotenuse is the longest side, being that opposite the right angle
- 13 - I'm sure we all remember that "the length of the hypotenuse is the square root of the sum of the squares of the other two sides"
- 15 - This famous theme is sung by the maidens to accompany Lohengrin and Elsa to the bridal chamber after their wedding
- 17 - Being a portmanteau (from the Russian) of agitation and propaganda; it is particularly applied to "persuasive" art and literature
- 19 - Described as a "consonant formed by the audible release of the airstream after complete closure of the glottis";
the glottal stop is commonly used in many English accents, and is a standard consonant in some other languages (eg Arabic)
- 21 - In Medieval and Renaissance times this was a fixed form verse of two rhymes; this is distinct from the Baroque rondeau form
- 22 - Aldous Huxley (and C S Lewis) died on 22nd November 1963; this was obviously overshadowed by events in Dallas that same day
- 24 - The final stage of an insect's development after metamorphosis into a sexually mature state (often referred to as "adult" state)
- 26 - Huxley's last novel was "Island" (continuing themes in "Brave New World"); and poets cannot resist using "Isle" for "Island"

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