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| **Across****4.** Bantu language**5.** "land of gold"**7.** founded by Sudanita about 1235**8.** grassy plain**9.** root language for African farmers**12.** including parents and kids; better suited for hunter/gatherer lifestyle**14.** typically used as a method for clearing forest land for farming**17.** based on kinship with the mother or the female line.**18.** kings of Mali**20.** worlds largest desert**22.**  city in the south-eastern hills **23.** expanding the desert | **Down****1.** first king of the Songhai Empire**2.** a country in West Africa, just west of Nigeria**3.** expanded Sonhai dynasty**6.** based on relationship to the father or descent through the male line**10.** greatest emperor and richest man of all time**11.** Government Accountability Office**13.** located in present day Sudan**15.** responsible for passing down traditions/stories orally **16.** major trading center for gold and salt on the trans-Saharan trade routes**19.** established in about 1450 in West Africa**21.** a country in northeastern Africa |