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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 |