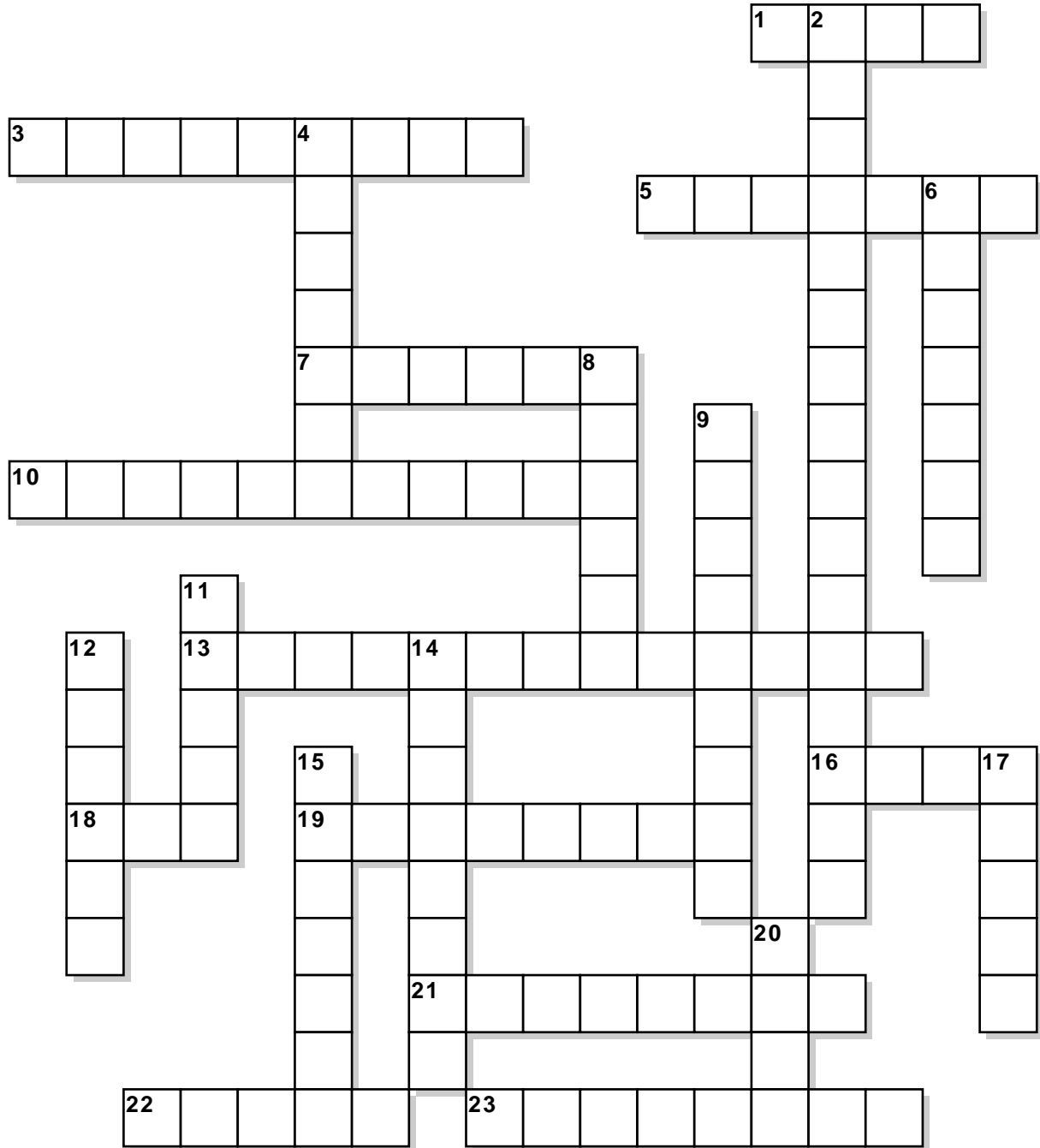


Major Empires Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 (250-900) Mesoamerica. Built pyramids and developed the most advanced writing system in the ancient Americas.
- 3 (962-1806) Western and Central Europe. It was the strongest country in Europe until about 1100.
- 5 (1600's-1980's) United Kingdom, Americas, Africa, Asia. Held 1/4th of the world's land and spread British culture to 1/4th of the world's people.
- 7 (661-1171) Southwest Asia, North Africa. Spread scholarship and written culture.
- 10 (336-322 B.C.) Greece, Persia, Egypt, Northwest India. Spread Greek culture.
- 13 (about 2000-1550 B.C.) Mesopotamia. Compiled the Code of Hammurabi.
- 16 (1400-1532) South America. Built a vast empire linked by an extensive road system.
- 18 (201 B.C.- A.D.220) China. Established a centralized, bureaucratic government and unified Chinese culture.
- 19 (2780-1075 B.C.) Egypt, Nubia, parts of Syria, and Palestine. Built magnificent palaces, pyramids, and temples.
- 21 (454 B.C. - 404 B.C.) (378 B.C.-355 B.C.) Greece. Developed democratic principles and classical culture.
- 22 (800-1076) West Africa. Became a center of the gold-salt trade.
- 23 (c. 2350-2150 B.C.) Mesopotamia. Became the world's first empire.

Down

- 2 (late 1600's-1918) Central Europe. Became known for cultural life, especially its great composers.
- 4 (about 1300-1922) Turkey, North Africa, Southwest Asia, Southeast Europe. Became the world's most powerful empire in the 1500's and 1600's and built architectural masterpieces.
- 6 (1460s-1591) Gained control of trans-Saharan trade routes and built a thriving empire.
- 8 (about 1200-1294) Europe, Asia. Created the largest unified land empire in history.
- 9 (395-1453) Parts of southern and eastern Europe, northern Africa, and the Middle East. Preserved Greek culture, Roman customs, and Christianity and built the Hagia Sophia.
- 11 (27 B.C. - A.D. 476) Europe, Mesopotamia, North Africa. Spread Greek and Roman culture, which became the basis of Western Civilization.
- 12 (1526-1700's) India. Built unique architecture, including the Taj Mahal.
- 14 (c. 850-612 B.C.) Southwest Asia, Egypt. Built one of the ancient world's largest libraries in Nineveh.
- 15 (about 550-330 B.C.) Fertile Crescent, Anatolia, Egypt, India. Established a judicious, thoughtful, and tolerant government.
- 17 (1325-1521) Mesoamerica. Built pyramids and developed a pictorial written language.
- 20 (1200-1400) West Africa. Became wealthy on the gold-salt trade and created an efficient government.

Possible Answers:

Akkadian, Alexandrian, Assyrian, Athenian, Austro-Hungarian, Aztec, British, Byzantine, Egyptian, Ghana, Han, Holy Roman, Inca, Mali, Maya, Mongol, Mughal, Muslim, Old Babylonian, Ottoman, Persian, Roman, Songhai