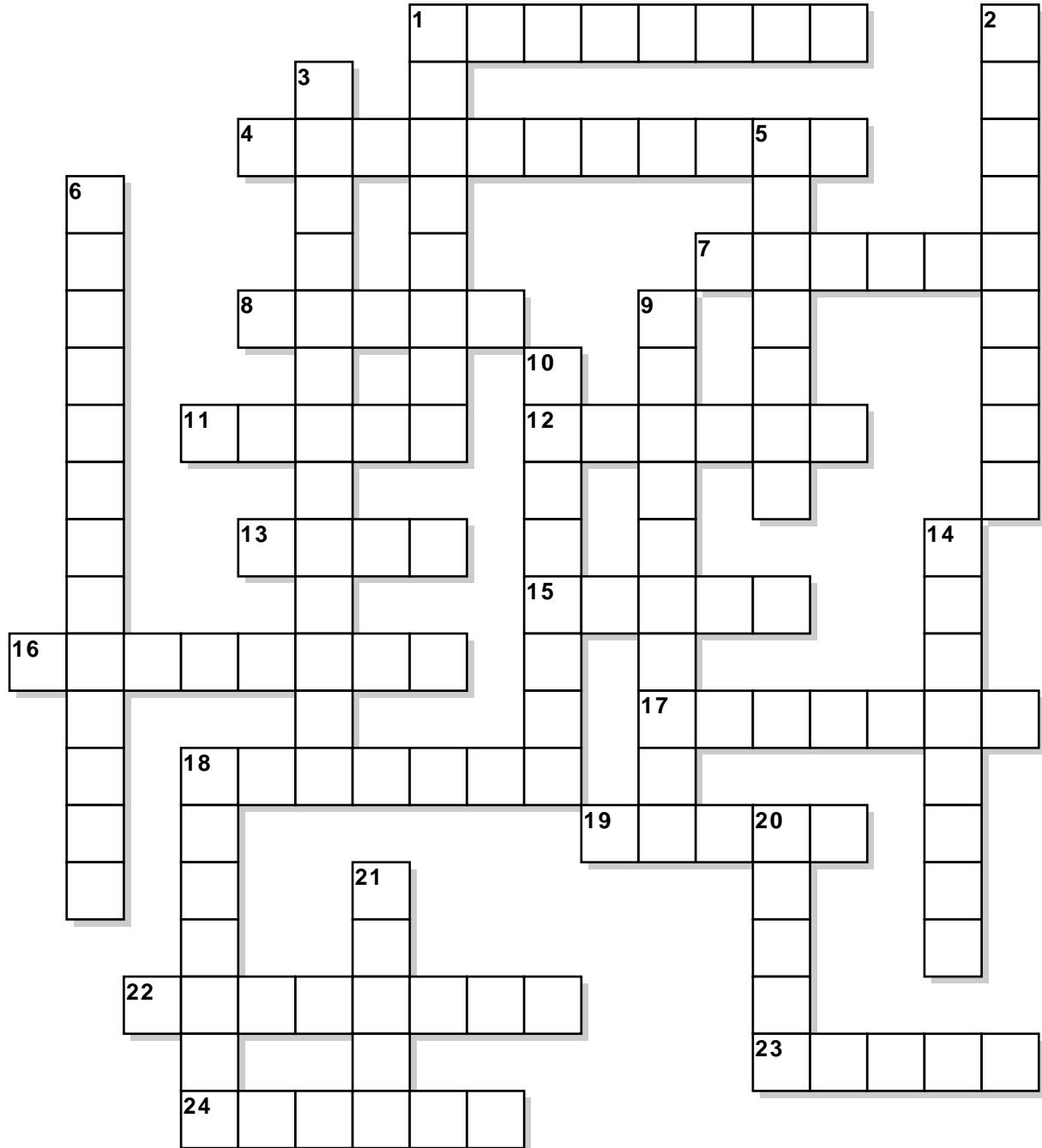


West African Societies Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 The first leader of the Songhai (1464-1492).
- 4 These stretch along the equator in central and western Africa and are dense.
- 7 States like Ife and Oyo emerged in the forests southwest of the Niger River.
- 8 The Muslim name for God.
- 11 This West African Kingdom controlled the gold and salt trade from the 700's to the mid 1000's.
- 12 The world's second largest continent.
- 13 This West African Kingdom was better able to control trade on the upper Niger River.
- 15 This river arcs across the grasslands and forests and then empties in the Atlantic Ocean
- 16 Beyond the savanna in the South lies this desert.
- 17 This runs east-west across the center of Africa.
- 18 Ghana's rulers allowed Muslims to build these houses of worship.
- 19 This kingdom was located on the delta of the Niger River.
- 22 A leading center of trade and Islamic learning in eastern Mali.
- 23 Muslims must make a pilgrimage to this holy city.
- 24 The world's largest desert.

Down

- 1 This Mali ruler reigned from about 1230-1255.
- 2 Under his leadership Mali became one of the largest Empires in the world.
- 3 Led by eager merchants, these made regular journeys across the Sahara desert.
- 5 Three quarters of Africa lies within this.
- 6 Songhai's second ruler.
- 9 These Europeans traded with Benin.
- 10 These grassy plains are north and south of the rain forests.
- 14 In 1591 this fighting force defeated the Songhai.
- 18 Followers of the religion Islam.
- 20 Founded by the prophet Muhammad in the 600's.
- 21 These states like Katsina and Kano emerged after A.D. 1000 in what is now northern Nigeria.

Possible Answers:

Africa, Allah, Askia Muhammad, Benin, camel caravans, equator, Ghana, Hausa, Islam, Kalahari, Mali, Mansa Musa, Mecca, Moroccan, mosques, Muslims, Niger, Portuguese, rain forests, Sahara, savannas, Sundiata, Sunni Ali, Timbuktu, Tropics, Yoruba