

**STUDY GUIDE FOR UNIT TEST 7: CIVILIZATIONS IN AFRICA & THE AMERICAS**

**How To Study:** Your class notes are your best resource for studying. You may also use your textbook.

• Bantu Migrations (pp. 222-224) • African Civilizations (pp. 413-427) • American Civilizations (pp. 446-463) • Glossary (p. R40)

**Format:** 35-45 multiple-choice questions

**Part I – Key Terms:** Define the following key terms.

Sahara		Axum	
savanna		Swahili	
desertification		Great Zimbabwe	
migration		Maya	
Bantu-speaking peoples		glyphs	
animism		codex	
griots		Aztec	
Ghana		Tenochtitlan	
gold-salt trade		chinampas	
Mali		Inca	
Mansa Musa		quipu	
Songhai		terraces	

**Part II – Study Questions:** Write a full paragraph (at least 5 sentences) in response to each question.

1) Describe some key characteristics of Africa's geography. Include: size; diverse biomes; and features.

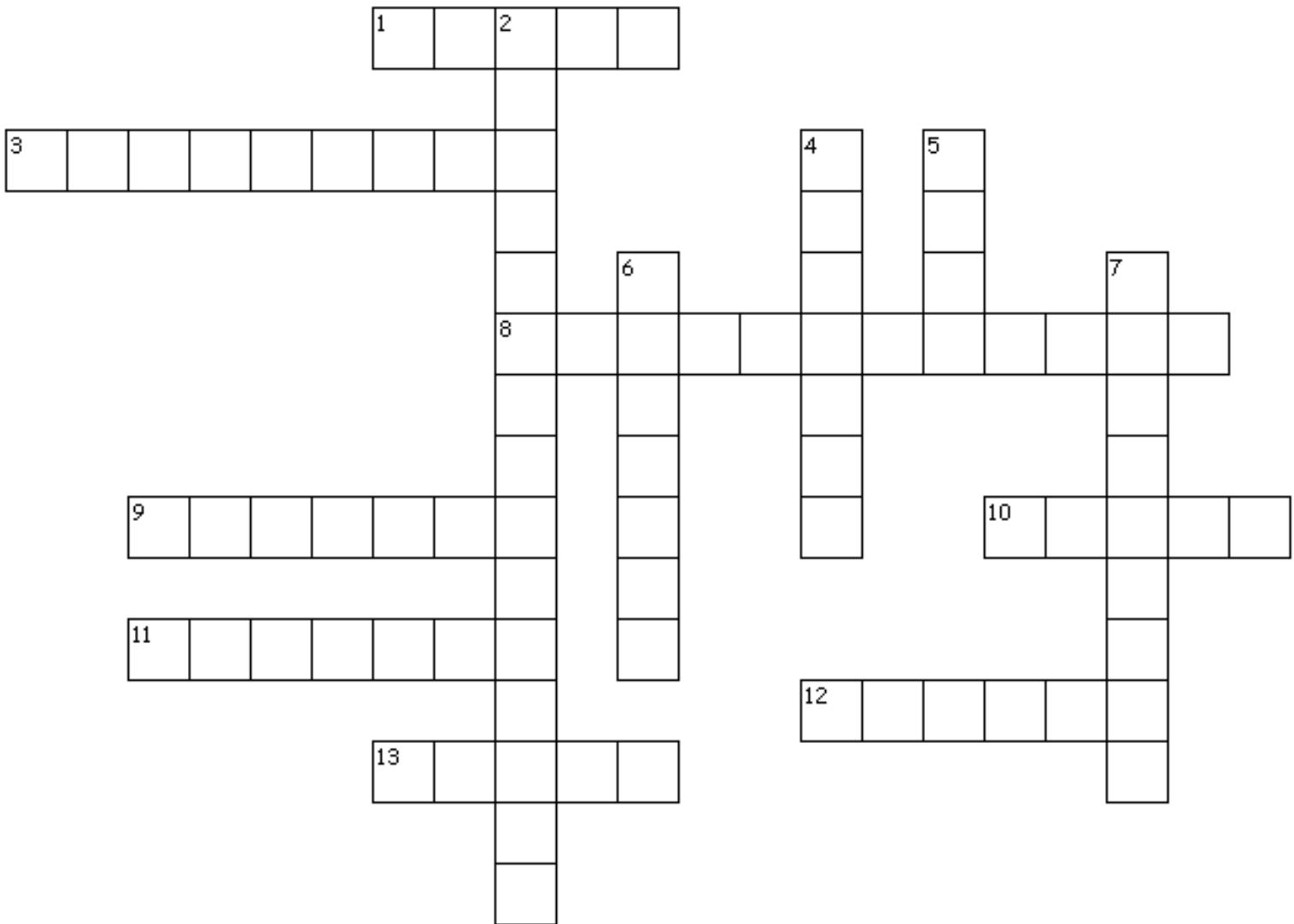
2) Describe the causes and effects of the Bantu migrations.

3) How did the kingdoms of Ghana and Mali gain power? Explain the impact of the leadership of Mansa Musa on the kingdom of Mali.

4) How did the Songhai empire gain, consolidate, and maintain power? Include the importance of trade and Islam in your response.



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## Across

1. a book made on tree bark by the Maya
3. "floating gardens" built by the Aztecs
8. capital city of the Aztec empire, built on a lake
9. West African empire that conquered Mali
10. West African kingdom that flourished in the 9th-11th centuries
11. grassy plains with few trees
12. poets, musicians, and storytellers who maintained oral history in West Africa
13. knotted strings used by Incan officials for keeping records

## Down

2. the process by which fertile land becomes desert
4. language that mixed Arabic words with Bantu, an African language
5. west african empire that flourished from 1235 to the 1400s
6. the belief that every living and nonliving thing in nature has a spirit
7. ruler of Mali considered one of the richest people in history