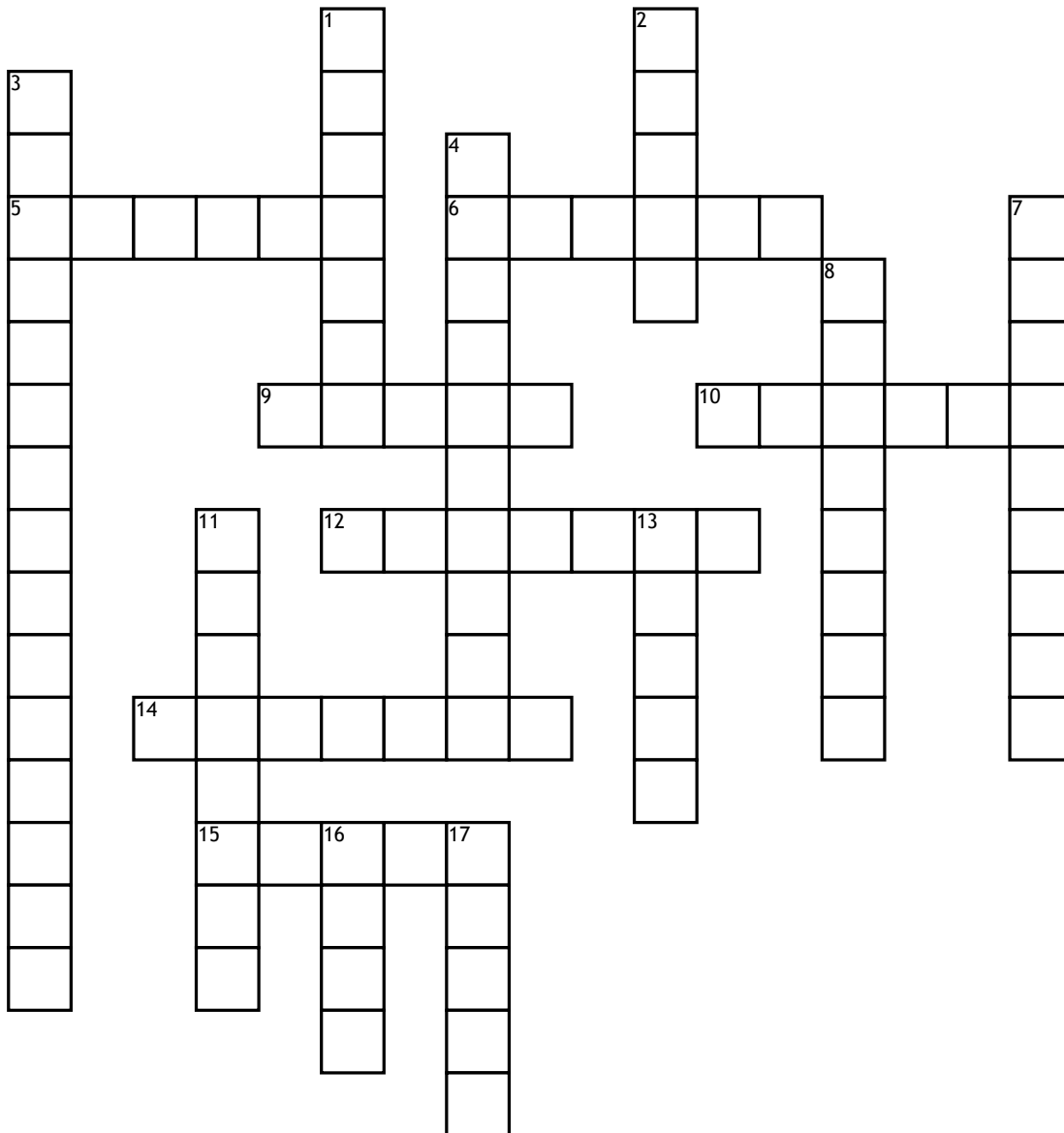


North and West Africa



Across

5. the largest desert in the world
 6. effect, result
 9. one of Egypt's oldest city, founded nearly 1000 years ago
 10. to break away from the main country
 12. belief that natural objects have spirits

14. ethnic groups who are native North Africans
 15. wet, fertile area in a desert
Down
 1. area of tall grasses, scattered trees and shrubs
 2. organized by zones
 3. spread of desertlike conditions
 4. river that empties in the Gulf of Guinea

7. the world's largest river
 8. someone who rules completely a country
 11. city where goods do not have taxes
 13. land dividing desert from wetter areas
 16. finely ground fertile soil
 17. marketplaces