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**African Kingdoms Unit Vocabulary Terms**

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| **Vocab Term** | **Textbook Definition** | **Definition In My Own Words** | **Interact! Use the word in a sentence or draw an image** |
| **Surplus** | excess or large amounts of a commodity or good |  |  |
| **Commodity** | Something either a good or item to use to gain an advantage or profit  |  |  |
| **Savanna** | A large open grassland ecosystem characterized by wide open spaces and few trees |  |  |
| **Mansa** | Term that means King in the Mandinka language |  |  |
| **Timbuktu** | An important trading city in Central Mali |  |  |
| **Griot** | Keepers of oral history of African Kingdoms, preformed the stories for the tribe |  |  |
| **Bantu Migration** | The mass movement of the group of Bantu speaking people across Africa |  |  |
| **Desertification** | The process by which fertile or usable land turns in desert and becomes unusable for farming |  |  |
| **Plateau** | A wide mainly flat or level area of elevated land |  |  |
| **Great Rift Valley** | A series of valleys surrounded by mountains that extend from Eastern Africa |  |  |
| **Kingdom** | An area that is under independent control, typically controlled by a King as its leader |  |  |