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**TRANS-SAHARAN TRADE COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

**Use the “Trans-Saharan” trade reading to answer the following questions:**

**1) What do you think motivated traders and merchants to face the challenges of travel across a desert as large and inhospitable as the Sahara?**

**2) Why was gold such an important part of the Afroeurasian trade network?**

**3) Today, salt is something we kind of take for granted in America. You can buy enough to last a year or more for a few dollars at the grocery store. Why was it so valuable to people hundreds of years ago?**

**4) How did Trans-Saharan trade reflect the idea that trade involves more than just the exchange of goods, like gold and salt?**

**5) Who was Mansa Musa and why is he important?**