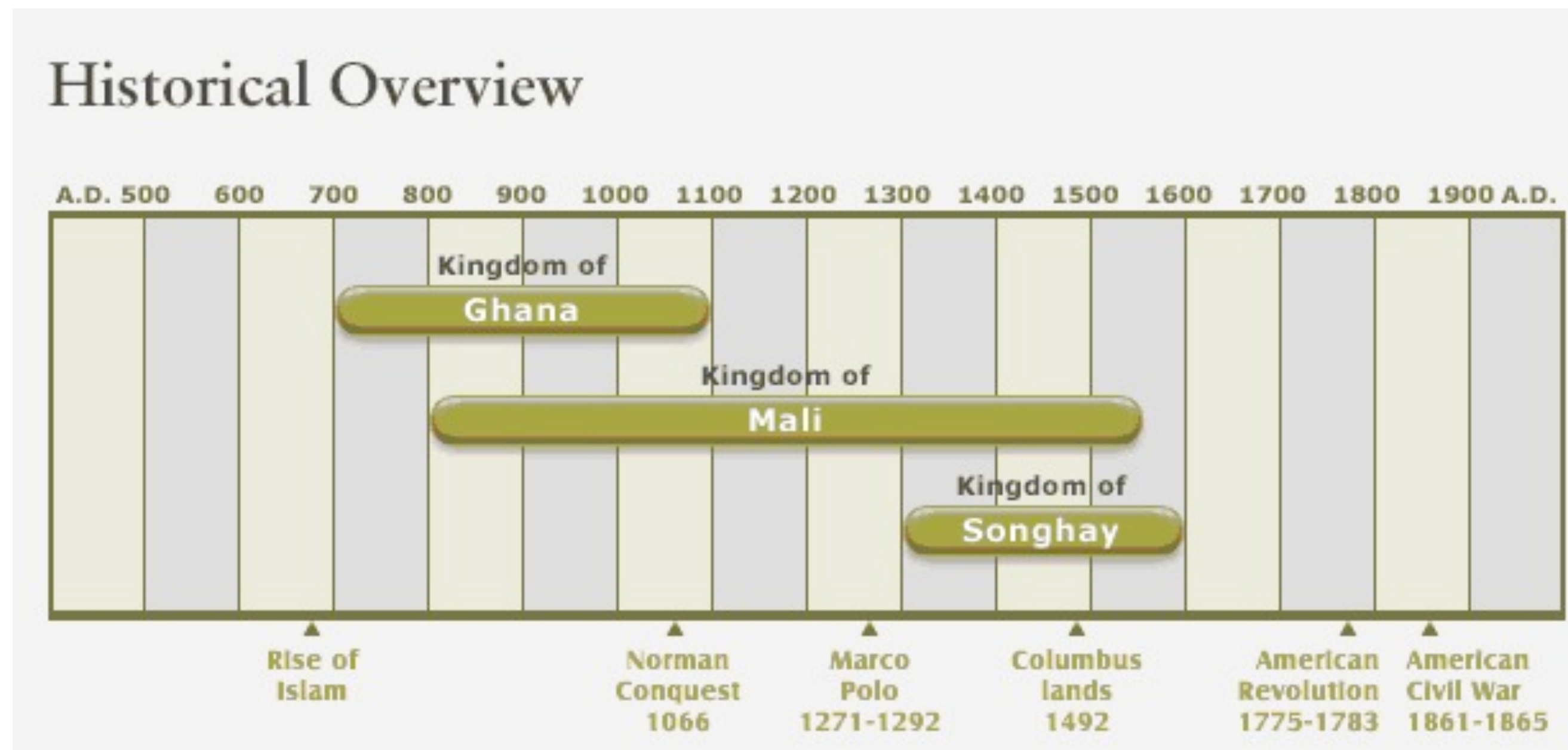


# Africa Vocabulary

# century

- a period of 100 years
- For **centuries**, West Africans traded gold for salt from North Africa.



# profitable

- a business that makes money
- Getting salt is **profitable** for you and important for your king.



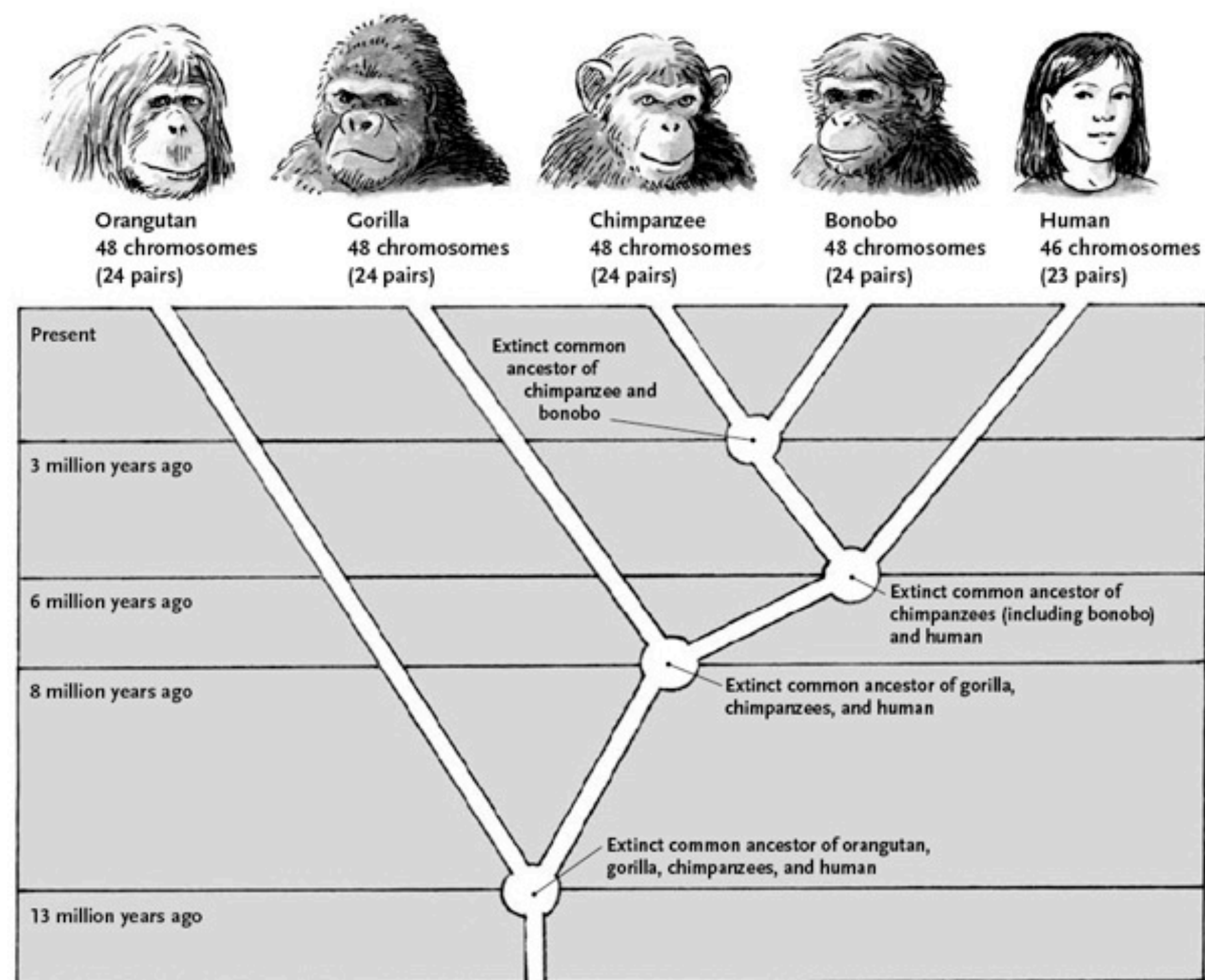
# faint

- a sight, smell, or sound that can be barely heard
- First will come the **faint** tinkling of the bells that are attached to the harnesses of the camels.



# common

- shared by, coming from, or done by more than one
- Kinship groups with a **common** ancestor formed larger groups called clans.



# ancestor

- a person, typically one more remote than a grandparent, from one comes from
- Kinship groups with a common **ancestor** formed larger groups called clans.



# diverse

- showing a great deal of variety
- Labor specialization led to a **diverse** West African economy. Most people practiced an economy based on farming.



# international

- happening between two or more nations
- As regional and **international** trade increased, the expanding cities became even more important as centers of trade.

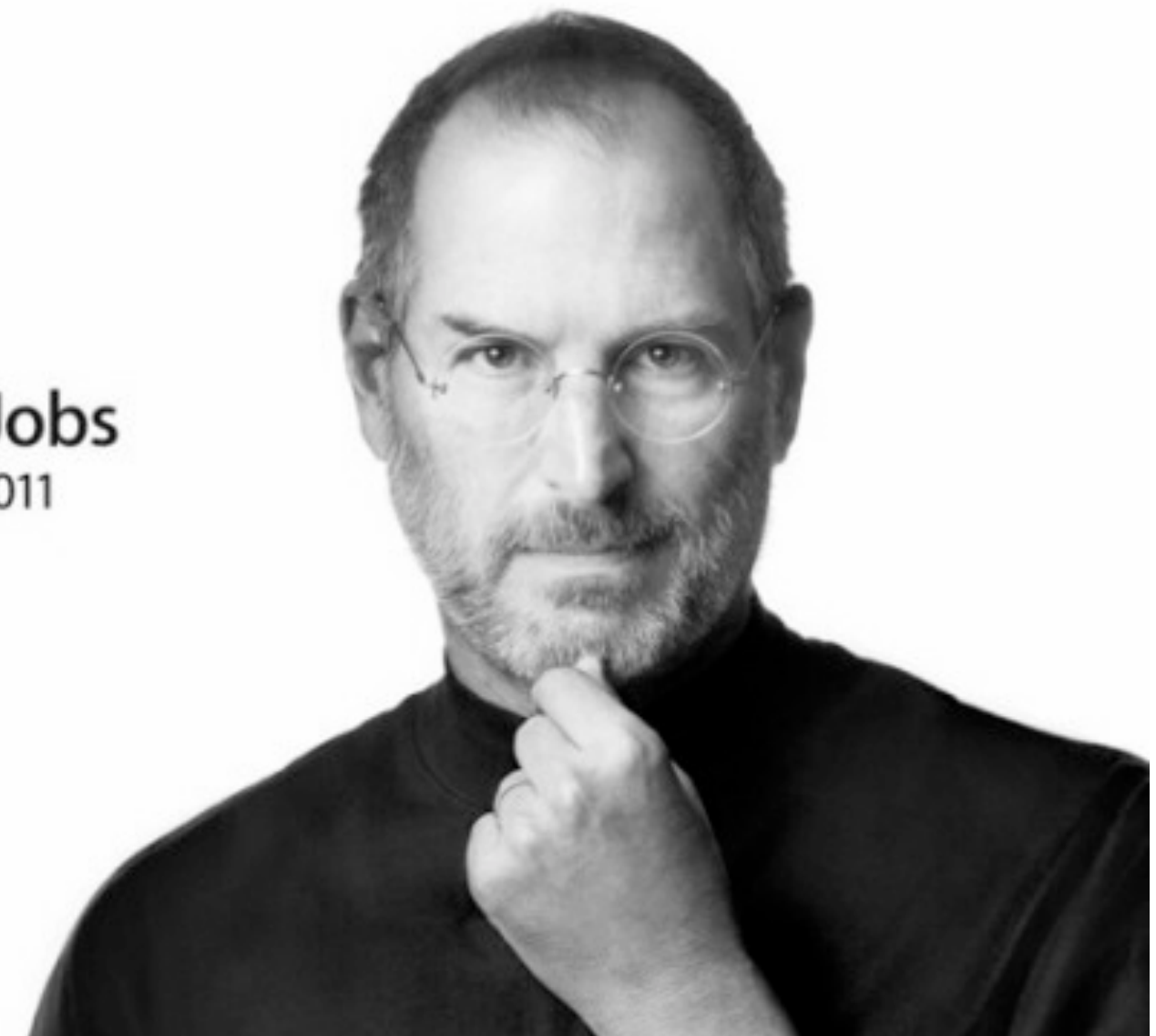




# departed

- dead, expired, gone, passed away, perished
- West Africans believed their **departed** ancestors watched over them.

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# transmission

- spread, communication
- The griots were important in the **transmission** of African history.

