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- **Mike Scheitlin** – “fight” on page 60, different creatures and objects named to provoke war between Sundiata and the sorcerer.
- **Rick Dent** – symbolism behind the fight between the two people if there is any present
- **Samer Kawak** – “death vs. slavery” speech, in a modern context, why make yourself a clear target when people know how to defeat you?
- **Kevin Steagall** – perhaps its taunting instead of a simple statement
- **Filip Lempa** – I think fate is very important throughout the novel, quote at top of page 38
- **Samer** – Sundiata not a true hero, like the odyssey he has help from divine intervention and fate
- **Seth Young** – destruction of Soumaoro’s property, symbolic of complete removal of him as a threat or a power, cleansing his filth from the world
- Death of Soumaoro is anticlimactic
- Disappointed by ending of book, want more action, felt as though there were too many loose ends not connected by the end of the book
- **Kevin** – morose from a lack of a capture of Soumaoro
- **General** – sacrifice on the mountain seemed excessive, pointless
- **Andrew Forrester** – Eternal Mali, ideas presented are just that, ideas, rather than physical attributes or characteristics
- **Josh Manker** – eliminating traces and lineages of enemies in Mali through the cleansing of anything that is reminiscent of your enemies
- Ancestors bless the living if they are pleased, act as the “gods” of Mali
- **Nick Poole** – Sacrificing to one’s Jinn, Jinn’s can help control your fate depending on how appeased they are
- “Do not seek to know what is not to be known” – quote from book, seeks to deter those from possibly uncovering the “whole truth” regarding the story of Sundiata
- Also protected the image of the heroes in a society that transmits history orally, and prevented the people from possibly altering history for themselves
- Griots almost seem as though they are above kings in society in Mali, act as the voice of the king, keep the history of the kings within their minds, could potentially alter history at their whim
- “Knowledge is power” more griots = more knowledge = more power
- The notion that one’s nation should come before an individual, Sundiata frees and unites Mali but does not return for a woman