

The Benin Kingdom

KEY VOCABULARY

Ogiso— A series of kings known as ‘rulers of the sky’.

Oba—A ruler in the Kingdom of Benin.

Animist— Giving a living soul to natural phenomena.

Edo— A member of a West African people living in the tropical forest region of Southern Nigeria.

Bronze— A yellowish-brown alloy made of copper and tin.

Eweka—The first Oba ruler.

Punitive—Intended as punishment

Trade— The action of buying and selling goods and services

Reincarnation— The rebirth of a soul into another body.

Assessment

	Working Towards	At Expected	Above Expected
Can you describe who or what was depicted through Benin Kingdom artefacts?			
Can you locate where the Benin Kingdom was on a <u>modern day</u> map?			
Can you explain some key reasons the Kingdom grew successfully and a reason behind its decline?			



KEY FACTS

- The Kingdom began in AD900's when the Edo people settled in West Africa
- A series of kings known as Ogiso's used to rule.
- Eweka was the first Oba of Benin.
- Trade brought huge wealth to Benin. (ivory, palm oil and pepper)
- In 1897 the British were responsible for the decline of the Benin Kingdom when they burnt the city to the ground.

Diagram/Timeline



Further Reading

BBC Bitesize



Character	Critical Thinking	Creativity	Communication	Citizenship	Collaboration
What did the people of the Kingdom of Benin believe in?	Warrior or artist? Where would you fit into society?	Can I recreate a Benin artefact?	How could I present what I understand about the Benin Kingdom?	What impact does this civilisation have on modern day Africa and the surrounding area?	Can I work with others to present my findings?