



St Leo's and Southmead

Catholic Nursery and Primary

Year
Six

History The Kingdom of Benin
Knowledge Organiser

Summer
Term

Amazing Activities

Visit the Benin display in the Liverpool world museum as shown in lesson 3

Key knowledge

Benin is the capital of Edo state in southern Nigeria in West Africa.

Between AD 900 and AD 1180 the people of Benin lived in small communities that formed a Kingdom..

The early Benin people were ruled by a dynasty of kings called 'Ogisos'. 900-1180 AD

The Era of Empire Consolidation is AD 1180-1440

Obas are always men who are respected and powerful and in charge of the military.

Oba Ovonrawan was in power between 1888 and 1914 during Queen Victoria's reign of Britain.

The artwork of Benin was made by ordinary people and depicts the lives of the rich.

Most Benin people worked as builders, farmers or craftsmen.

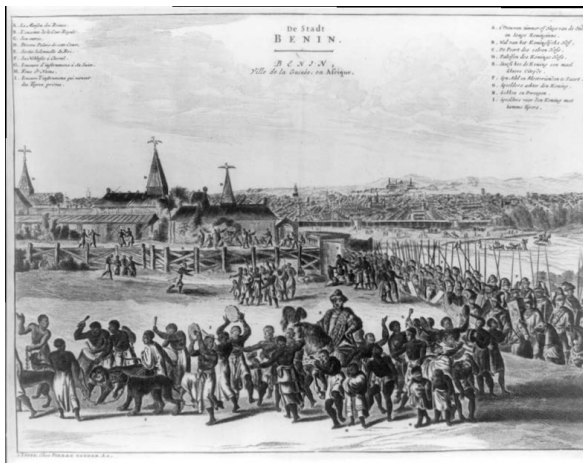
The Kingdom of Benin sold goods like pepper, ivory, cloth, leopard skins, beads, rubber, palm oil and precious stones to European traders.

The key events to take place around the time of Benin's Golden Age include: in 1450 the Benin City walls were expanded, in 1485 the Portuguese started trading with Benin and in 1553 the English made their first contact with Benin.

Making slavery illegal meant Benin was unable to earn money from the slave trade.

Between 1881 and 1914 Africa was invaded, occupied and colonised by the Europeans.

The Kingdom of Benin



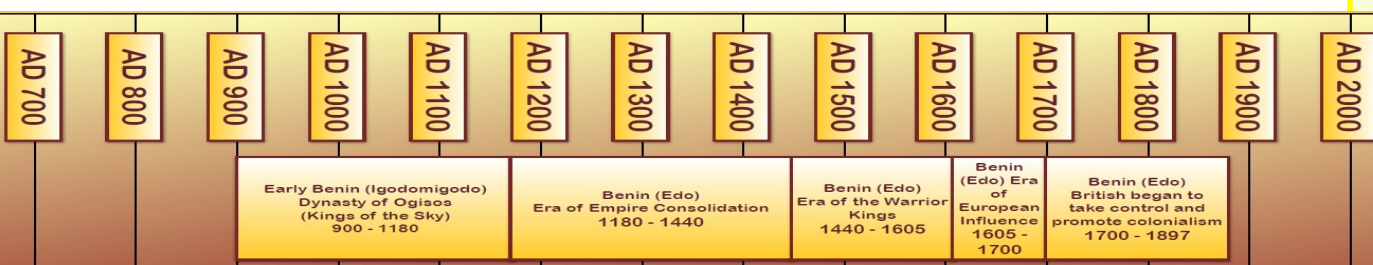
Skills

- Use dates to order and place events on a timeline.
- Address and sometime devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity, difference and significance.
- Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.
- Understand how our knowledge of the past is contrasted from a range of sources.
- Make confident use of a variety of sources for independent research.
- Understand that the type of information available depends on the period of time studied.
- Evaluate the usefulness of a variety of sources.
- Provide an account of a historical event based on more than one source.
- Use evidence to support arguments.
- Discuss lives of significant people and changes and compare to lives of others in different periods.

Key Vocabulary



Oba
Golden Age
Civil war
colonised



Curriculum Links

- Computing—use a range of software to present information
- Literacy Tree— The Children of Benin