

History

Focus: Kingdom of Benin

Age related historical vocabulary

Era—A period of time begin-
ning with a special date or
eventDynasty– When one family
rules a region or country over
a long period of timeOba of Benin—King of Benin
monarch rules of Benin
monarch rules over a country
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Year 5

Key Knowledge

Chronology:

The ancient Kingdom of Benin was in what is now Nigeria.

It was around AD 900 when the Benin kingdom started to develop.

The original people and founders of the Benin Kingdom were ruled by the Ogiso (meaning 'Kings of the Sky').

Interpretation

Artefacts from Benin history have been found and are on display in many museums after historians have analysed them and made interpretations

Enquiry

There are many different versions of the story as old African tales have been passed down through word of mouth which means they may have been modified over the years.

Causation

The slave trade ultimately brought about the end of the Benin Kingdom, British, Portuguese and Dutch kingdoms were more powerful and traded African people across the world.

Communication

The Benin people created beautiful engravings and carvings from different materials but mainly Bronze

History	Carlton Assessment Grid		
Success Criteria	Pupil Reflection		Teacher Assessment
I can draw a timeline showing specific dates of events of the Kingdom of Benin in chronologi- cal order	Before	After	
I can make my own interpretation of artefacts from the Kingdom of Benin before researching evidence to explain them individually	Before	After	
I can carry out an enquiry on The Story of Eweka to test the hypothesis of her death and answer the question: What was the signifi- cance of the identity of Oduduwa?	Before	After	
I can compare Britain and the Benin Kingdom to explain how and why the Benin Kingdom came to an end	Before	After	
I can communicate my views on the artwork of Benin explaining both sides of the argument	Before	After	