

## Big Questions

**What sort of place was Benin 1,000 years ago and how do we know?**

**Why did the British get involved in Benin?**

**What can the historical Kingdom of Benin tell us about the different ways of seeing history?**

**Who do the Benin Bronzes belong to?**

## Timeline

<b>900</b>	<b>Benin Kingdom is first established when small villages join together.</b>
<b>900- 1400</b>	<b>An enormous earthen moat is built around the Kingdom boundaries.</b>
<b>1180</b>	<b>The dynasty of Ogiso kings ends and the Obas begin their rule.</b>
<b>1440</b>	<b>Benin begins to expand and thrive under the rule of Oba Ewuare the Great.</b>
<b>1514</b>	<b>Oba Esigie sets up trading links with Portuguese and other European visitors.</b>
<b>1700</b>	<b>Benin Kingdom enters a period of decline due to a series of civil wars and the abolition of the slave trade with Europe.</b>
<b>1897</b>	<b>Benin City is destroyed and Benin comes under Britain's control.</b>
<b>1960</b>	<b>The former Kingdom of Benin becomes part of Edo State, Western Nigeria</b>

## Important People

<b>Ogiso Igodo</b>	<b>The first king (or 'Ogiso') of Benin, under whom the smaller villages joined together to form a Kingdom.</b>
<b>Ogiso Owodo</b>	<b>The last of the Ogiso kings, banished from the Kingdom with his family.</b>
<b>Oba Eweke</b>	<b>The first of a new dynasty of kings called the Obas,</b>
<b>Oba Ewuare</b>	<b>The king who expanded the kingdom greatly and set up trading links with Portugal in 1514.</b>
<b>Oba Ovonramwen</b>	<b>The last king of Benin, exiled by British troops in 1897.</b>

## Important Places

**The Kingdom of Benin**

**Edo State, Western Nigeria**

## Progression Map Objectives

### History

- **The Obas were part of dynasties, with the kingdom passed down from father to son and the line of Obas has continued up until the present day.**
- **the Kingdom of Benin was a key trading centre in west Africa, and the Portuguese explorers were keen to trade with the Kingdom of Benin.**
- **Explorers from Europe were shocked to find a city as advanced as Benin City; they had wrongly assumed that no such things existed in the continent of Africa.**
- **In the late 19th century, some European countries, including Britain, were undertaking large-scale colonisation of territories around the world.**
- **The Kingdom of Benin was part of the British Empire until 1960 when the territory became part of Nigeria.**
- **Many Benin bronzes are still held in museums across Europe, including the British museum, and that many people believe that they should be returned to Nigeria.**

### D.T.

- **To develop and explain ideas with design objectives.**
- **To produce sketches and computer aided designs to demonstrate their ideas.**
- **To test and evaluate the final product against design objectives.**
- **To apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures.**

### Art

- **To choose collage materials to fit a purpose.**
- **To create collage with a clearly apparent theme.**
- **To create sketches that communicate emotions and a sense of self with accuracy and imagination.**
- **To explain why they have used/ combined different tools/techniques to create their drawings.**