









## Knowledge Organiser

### History – UKS2 – Autumn 2 – The Kingdom of Benin



**Big Question:** How did the Kingdom of Benin become so powerful?

History knowledge you already know	Key Vocabulary		New History Knowledge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of the first humans to ever live came from the continent of Africa.</li> <li>From 7,500BC to 30AD, the Ancient Egyptians built a powerful civilisation in Egypt, which is an African country.</li> <li>Since the Bronze Age, people have travelled via oceans to other countries to trade. Valuable resources which are not found in other parts of the world can be traded.</li> <li>Throughout history, civilisations have attempted to grow their empires by invading and conquering other countries.</li> </ul>	<b>currency</b> 	The system of money used in a particular country. In the UK, our currency is pounds. In the USA, the currency is dollars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benin is a country in West Africa.</li> <li>For centuries, Benin was a wealthy nation with a powerful ruler, a strong military, and good trade links with Europe.</li> <li>After centuries of success, the Kingdom of Benin began to lose power. In 1897, British troops invaded and took control.</li> </ul>	
	<b>institution</b> 	An organisation which has an important role in society.		
	<b>military</b> 	Anything relating to the army.		
	<b>Oba</b> 	Benin rulers were called Oba. An Oba was similar to a king.		
		<b>power base</b> 	An area where a group is most powerful and has the most support.	<b>New History Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use timelines to map key events and describe their impact on a civilisation</li> <li>I can describe the cause of historically significant events</li> <li>I can use a range of sources to build a picture of what life was like at the height of the Benin Kingdom</li> </ul>
		<b>professional</b> 	Somebody who does something for a job. A professional soldier is someone who is paid to fight in the army.	
		<b>tax taxation</b> 	Tax is money which must be paid to the government. Taxation is the system of collecting tax.	
		<b>trade route</b> 	A route across a long distance. Items are transported across trade routes to be sold. Trade routes can be across land or sea.	

### Timeline

<b>Around 900AD</b> The Edo people began to settle in the rainforests of West Africa. This was the beginning of the Kingdom of Benin.	<b>By 1400</b> Benin was a wealthy, powerful kingdom	<b>1440</b> Oba Ewuare, the most powerful ruler of the Kingdom of Benin, began his reign	<b>1451</b> Oba Ewuare expanded the kingdom and set up trade links with Portugal	<b>1473</b> Oba Ewuare died	<b>1600-1700</b> Benin Kingdom starts to decline	<b>1897</b> British troops take control of Benin
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