

The Kingdom of Benin: A Journey into the Past with Ellie

Step back in time and discover the golden age of the Benin Kingdom!

- The Kingdom of Benin was located in what is now modern-day Nigeria, and the people living there were known as the Edo people.
- The ruler of the kingdom was called the Oba, who was both a powerful leader and a spiritual guide for his people.
- Benin City was one of the best-planned cities in the world at the time, featuring wide streets and impressive walls for protection.
- Skilled craftspeople worked in special guilds and were highly respected for creating beautiful sculptures using bronze, brass, and ivory.
- The kingdom became wealthy and successful by trading goods like pepper, cloth, and ivory with merchants from across the seas.

Did you know? Did you know? The artists of the Benin Kingdom were world-famous for their incredible bronze plaques! These were not just decorations; they were like a history book made of metal, showing important events and the lives of the people who lived there hundreds of years ago.

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