

Exploring the Kingdom of Benin with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify key features of the Benin Kingdom and understand how society was organised.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading about the amazing Benin Kingdom. Look at the list of facts below. Decide if each statement is True or False. If you think it is False, use the word bank to help you write the correct fact.

Word bank: Oba · bronze · walls · trade · farmers

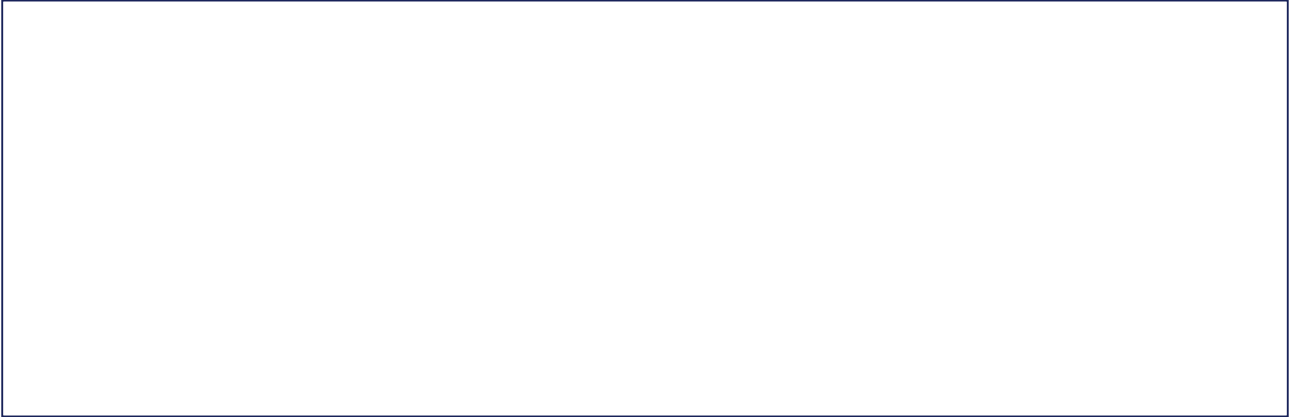
1. 1. The ruler of the Benin Kingdom was called the King. (True/False?) If False, what was the correct title? (2 marks)

2. 2. The people of Benin were famous for making beautiful statues out of plastic. (True/False?) If False, what did they use? (2 marks)

3. 3. The city of Benin was protected by very high, strong stone fences. (True/False?) If False, what were they called? (2 marks)

4. 4. Most people in the Benin Kingdom worked as space explorers. (True/False?) If False, what was their most common job? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Benin bronze plaque. Think about the patterns and shapes you might see on it.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a trader visiting the Benin Kingdom. Write one sentence about what you see.