

# History Assessment: The Kingdom of Benin

*Learning objective: To show understanding of the history, culture, and achievements of the Kingdom of Benin.*

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

The Kingdom of Benin was a powerful empire in West Africa. It was famous for its great walls and beautiful art. The ruler was called the Oba. He lived in a grand palace in Benin City. Talented craftsmen made amazing things out of bronze. The people of Benin traded goods like pepper and cloth with other countries.

*Word bank: Oba · Benin City · bronze · walls · trade · craftsmen · king*

**1. What was the name given to the king of the Kingdom of Benin? (1 mark)**

**2. Name the capital city where the Oba lived. (1 mark)**

**3. List two things that the people of Benin traded with other countries. (2 marks)**

**4. Why were the craftsmen of Benin famous? (Hint: Think about the material they used to make art). (2 marks)**

**5. Describe one reason why the Kingdom of Benin was powerful. (Sentence starter: The kingdom was powerful because...) (4 marks)**

**6. Ellie the elephant is visiting the palace. Write a short paragraph explaining what she might see. Use the word bank to help you. (5 marks)**

**Draw:** Draw a picture of a beautiful bronze plaque showing the Oba of Benin.



*Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research one other kingdom in Africa and write one sentence about it.*