

Ellie's Benin Kingdom Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe key features of the Kingdom of Benin, including its leadership, trade, and art.

Hello! I am Ellie the elephant. I love learning about the past. Use this fact-file to help you record what you have learned about the Kingdom of Benin. Read the headings carefully. Write your answers in the boxes. You can use the word bank to help you spell tricky words.

Word bank: Oba · Benin City · Bronze · Trade · Walls · Kingdom · Crafts

1. Who was the leader of the Kingdom of Benin? (Hint: Use the word bank) (2 marks)

2. Describe the city where the people lived. What made it special? (2 marks)

3. What materials were famous for being used in Benin art? (2 marks)

4. Why was trade important to the people of Benin? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an artist in Benin City. Draw one of the famous bronze plaques in the space below and label the items you have drawn.