

Exploring the Benin Kingdom with Ellie

Learning objective: To describe the key features of life in the Benin Kingdom using historical vocabulary.

Use the sentences below to help you write about the Benin Kingdom. Follow the prompts to build your report. Use the word bank to help you.

The Benin Kingdom was a very important and powerful place in history located in West Africa.

Word bank: powerful · Oba · bronze · trade · city walls · skilled · firstly · also · because · finally

1. Who was the leader of Benin? Start your sentence with: The leader of the Benin Kingdom was called the... (2 marks)

2. What were the people of Benin famous for making? Start your sentence with: The people were very skilled at making art from... (2 marks)

3. What was the city like? Start your sentence with: The city was protected by large... (2 marks)

4. Why was the kingdom wealthy? Start your sentence with: The kingdom became wealthy because they used... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Draw a picture of a Benin bronze plaque and label the materials used to make it.