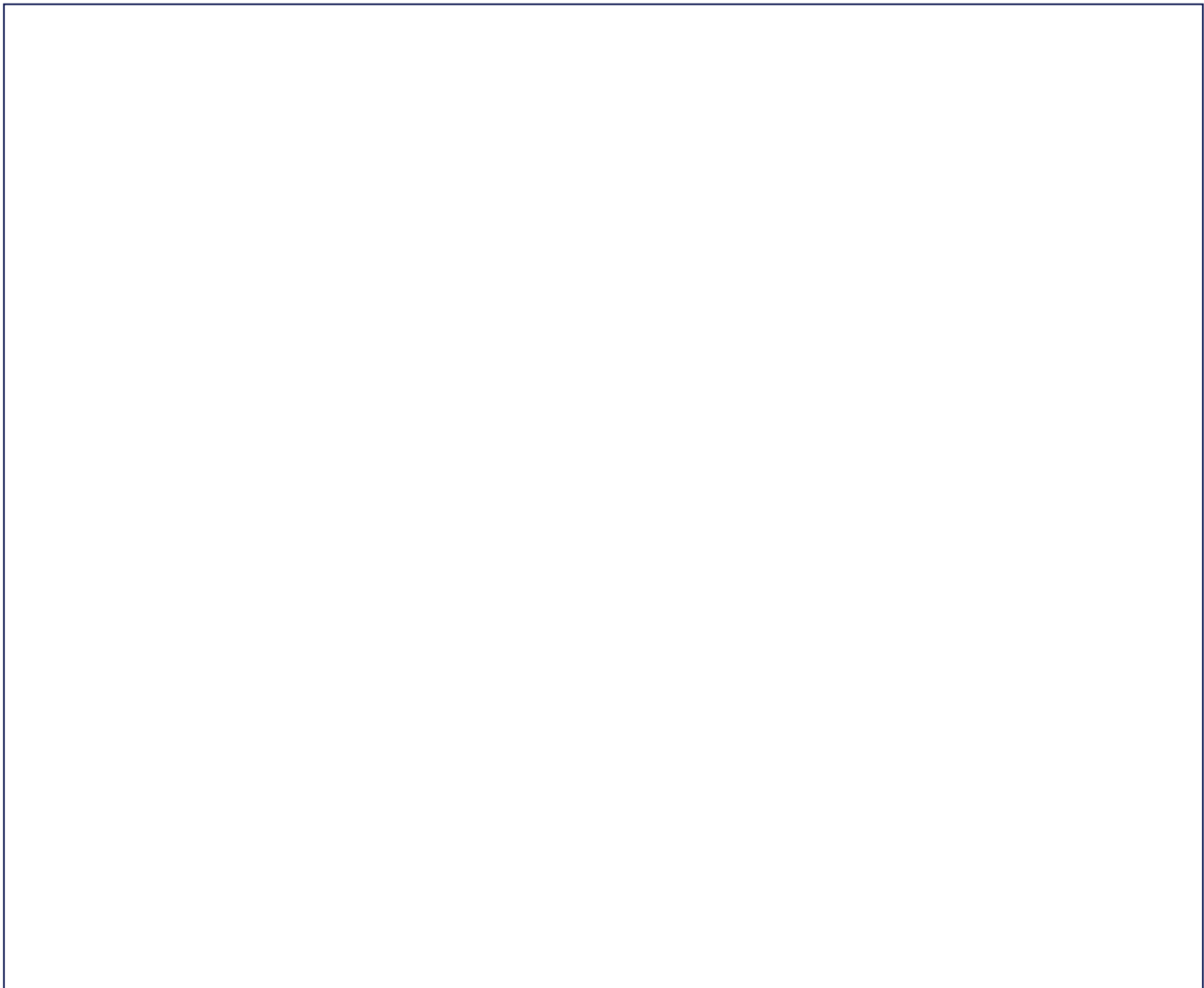


Exploring the Kingdom of Benin

Learning objective: To understand the artistic and architectural features of the Kingdom of Benin through visual representation.

Use your knowledge of the Kingdom of Benin to complete the drawing and labelling activity below. Ensure your labels are neatly printed next to the relevant parts of your illustration.

Draw: Draw a historical scene of the Benin Kingdom. Include the Oba standing proudly in front of a grand palace. Add detailed carvings to the palace pillars, representing the bronze plaques. Ensure the drawing is in a clear, illustrative style. Include a section showing the defensive earthworks like the moat and walls in the distance. Use patterns to represent the textures of the coral bead regalia worn by the Oba.



Label words: Oba · Bronze Plaque · Coral Beads · City Walls · Moat · Palace · Guild

Steps:

1. Identify one specific material used by the craftsmen of Benin to create their famous artworks and explain why it was significant to their history.
2. Why were the city walls and moats important for the protection and organisation of the Kingdom of Benin?
3. Step 1: Draw the Oba in the centre of your page wearing traditional ceremonial dress.
4. Step 2: Draw the palace in the background with intricate decorations on the walls.

5. Step 3: Label three items from the word bank on your drawing.