

Ellie's Benin Kingdom Adventure Quiz

Learning objective: To recall and demonstrate knowledge about the Kingdom of Benin, its society, and its achievements.

Help Ellie the elephant remember her history facts! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. A (Oba), 2. True, 3. Bronze, 4. B (Edo), 5. False (It was a sophisticated kingdom), 6. C (Walls), 7. 13th Century, 8. A (Craftsmen), 9. True, 10. Benin City. The Benin Kingdom was a powerful West African empire known for its skilled artists and organised government.

Word bank: Oba · Benin City · Bronze · Craftsmen · Trade · Walls · 13th Century · Edo

1. 1. What was the title given to the ruler of the Benin Kingdom? A) Oba* B) King C) Sultan D) Emperor (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The people of the Benin Kingdom were famous for their intricate metalwork. (1 mark)

3. 3. What material were the famous Benin 'plaques' primarily made from? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which language group did the people of the Benin Kingdom belong to? A) Yoruba B) Edo* C) Hausa D) Akan (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The Benin Kingdom was a small village with no organised trade routes. (1 mark)

6. 6. What protected the capital city from invaders? A) A moat B) Deep rivers C) Great Walls* D) Mountains (1 mark)

7. 7. In which century did the Benin Kingdom begin to rise to power? (Write your answer in words/numbers) (1 mark)

8. 8. Who was responsible for making the ceremonial objects for the Oba's palace? A) Craftsmen* B) Farmers C) Merchants D) Soldiers (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: The Benin Kingdom traded goods like pepper and cloth with European visitors. (1 mark)

10. 10. What was the name of the capital of the kingdom? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene inside the Benin Kingdom, including a high wall, a palace, and one of the famous bronze plaques showing a member of the royal court.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a trader visiting the Benin Kingdom in the 15th Century. Write a short diary entry (50 words) describing the most impressive thing you saw in the city.