

Ellie's Benin Kingdom Adventure Quiz

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the historical Benin Kingdom, including its society, location, and achievements.

Help Ellie the Elephant learn more about the past! Read the questions carefully and choose the best answer. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False (The Oba was the leader), 4. Bronze, 5. True, 6. Benin City, 7. C, 8. True, 9. D, 10. True. The Benin Kingdom was a powerful empire located in modern-day Nigeria. The Oba was the king and lived in a large palace. They were famous for their intricate bronze plaques and a massive defensive wall system.

Word bank: Oba · Benin City · Bronze · Craftsmen · Wall · Trade · West Africa · Kingdom · Earthworks · Palace

1. 1. In which continent was the Benin Kingdom located? A) Europe B) West Africa* C) South America D) Asia (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Benin Kingdom was well-known for its expert metalwork. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The people of Benin were ruled by a President. (1 mark)

4. 4. What famous metal material were the beautiful plaques of the Benin Kingdom made from? (One word answer) (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The Benin Kingdom built a massive defensive wall around their capital city. (1 mark)

6. 6. What was the name of the capital city of the Benin Kingdom? (Two word answer) (1 mark)

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

8. 8. True or False: Trade with other regions helped the Benin Kingdom become wealthy. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which of these was a primary way the Benin people recorded their history? A) Printing presses B) Digital tablets C) Social media D) Bronze plaques* (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The Oba lived in a very large and grand palace. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene from the Benin Kingdom showing a busy marketplace or the grand entrance to the Oba's palace, including some of the intricate patterns seen on their famous bronze art.



Extension challenge: Research why the Benin 'earthworks' are considered one of the largest man-made structures from the ancient world and write a short paragraph explaining their purpose to Ellie.