

The Kingdom of Benin: A Historical Insight

Learning objective: To understand the social, cultural, and political structure of the Benin Kingdom through key historical terminology.

Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to support your study of the Benin Kingdom. Terms are categorised into 'Society and Leadership', 'Trade and Craft', and 'Artistic Legacy'.

Oba The supreme ruler or king of the Benin ...	Edo The people and the language belonging ...	Benin City The capital city, famous for its so...
Earthworks Massive banks and ditches built ...	Brass A golden-coloured metal alloy frequent...	Bronze A strong metal alloy often associated..
Guild A professional association of craftspe...	Coral A precious material sourced from the ...	Ivory A smooth, white material taken from el...
Trade The exchange of goods, such as textil...	Plaque A flat, rectangular metal panel featur...	Court The royal palace and the group of offic...
Ancestors The past generations of a family ...	Ceremonial Relating to formal rituals or tradit...	Territory The geographical area controlled a...
Explain why the ...	Compare and con...	Justify your ans... Why might the Oba have...
What might happ...	How did the creat...	Evaluate the imp...