

Questions (over 7 lessons)

Where was ancient the kingdom of Benin located? Who were the first rulers of the Edo people?
Who were the Oba and what did they do?
What was life like in ancient Benin City?
What was the significance of trade in the city?
What was similar and different between Benin and Anglo- Saxon Britain?
What happened to the mighty Benin City?

Sources
Cusp Curriculum
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Key Vocabulary

Tier 2	Tier 3
Demise	Ancestral
Destruction	Animism
Flourish	Fortification
Overthrow	Guild
Radiate	Infrastructure
Sophisticated	Ritual

Year 5 - A non-European society that provides contrasts with|British history
Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900 -1300

Big ideas/Substantive Concepts

Civilisation

A large group of people who follow similar laws, religion and rules.
Great civilisations have cities, architecture, laws, culture and art.

Power

The power:

- to advance technology, architecture and the arts
- to rule the Edo people
- of the people to change their ruler from Ogisos to Oba
- to build incredible walls, by hand
- to unite people through a shared belief
- to influence trade and become wealthy

Knowledge

The formulation and advanced use of knowledge through the arts and technology.
Knowledge to create incredibly detailed and sophisticated bronze metalwork.
Knowledge of technology – The Walls of Benin – In 1974, The Guinness Book of Records described the walls of Benin City and its surrounding kingdom as the world's largest earthworks carried out prior to the mechanical era.

Making connections to prior learning

Year 3 History

Stone Age to the Iron Age

Roman Empire its impact on Britain

Year 4 History

Britain's settlement by Anglo- Saxons and Scots

Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggles

Ancient Egyptians or Shang Dynasty

Year 4 Geography Latitude and Longitude

Disciplinary Knowledge- thinking as a historian

Chronology	Cause and consequence	Change and continuity	Similarity and difference	Evidence	Significance
<p>When did historians think the first rulers of the Edo people took control?</p> <p>When did the Oba take control?</p> <p>Use a timeline – what else was happening in the world during c. AD 900 – 1300?</p> <p>How long ago did the destruction of Benin City take place?</p>	<p>What led to the fall of Benin city?</p> <p>What made the Oba so powerful?</p> <p>What legacy did the kingdom of Benin leave?</p> <p>What legacy did the British invasion leave?</p>	<p>What stayed the same in the kingdom of Benin?</p> <p>What changed in the kingdom of Benin?</p> <p>What significant changes happened in the kingdom of Benin around AD 1180?</p> <p>How did little villages change in the kingdom of Benin?</p>	<p>What was different between Benin and the Anglo-Saxons or Normans?</p> <p>What was similar between Benin and the Anglo-Saxons or Normans?</p> <p>How did beliefs differ?</p>	<p>What did the Anglo-Saxons and Normans do to record their actions and events?</p> <p>How was this different to the kingdom of Benin?</p> <p>What exceptional artefacts were found in Benin City?</p>	<p>What was significant about trade and way of life in the kingdom of Benin?</p> <p>Do you think trade and wealth was a significant factor in the downfall of Benin?</p>