



History Knowledge Organiser  
Benin Empire UKS2



Vocabulary	Sticky Knowledge	Books
Conglomerate	The joining together of the villages	I know that the Kingdom of Benin was from 900AD to 1300AD
Obas	A local chief in Nigeria	I know that the Kingdom of Benin was located in modern day Nigeria
Kingdom	a country, state, or territory ruled by a king or queen.	I know that the earliest rulers of Benin was when civilisation reached its height under the rule of Obas
Commodity	Something that can be bought or sold	I know that the people of Benin were skilled craftsmen
Ogisos	Rulers of the first Benin Dynasty	I know that the people of Benin believed that non-human objects and animals
Dynasty	A line of hereditary rulers of a dynasty	I know that the Benin bronzes are a group of over 1000 plaques and sculptures that decorated the royal palace
Smelt	Extract metal from its ore by heating and melting	I know that there was a 'Golden Age' in the Kingdom of Benin
Civilisation	the society, culture, and way of life of a particular area	I know that the Benin Kingdom was taken under British rule but that it became part of independent Nigeria in 1960
Animist	a person who believes all natural things, such as plants, animals, rocks, and thunder, have spirits and can influence human events	
Oral tradition	Cultural knowledge and tradition which has been passed down through word of mouth	
Bronzes	A group of sculptures made of brass and bronze	 