

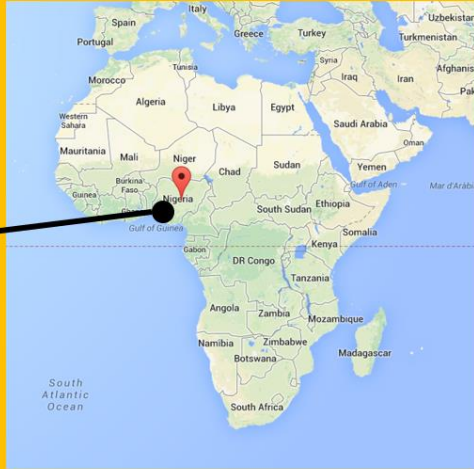


Is there any truth to learn from legends?

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Kingdom of Benin

The ancient Kingdom of Benin is not the same as the country called Benin today, it was in what is today south west Nigeria.



This brass plaque shows the Oba, or King, of the Kingdom of Benin and his warriors.



Timeline of Events

900 CE	900 – 1460 CE	1180 CE	1440 CE	1470 CE	1514 CE	1700 CE	1807 CE	1897 CE
The kingdom known as Igodomigodo is created and ruled by the Ogiso.	A huge moat is constructed around the Kingdom.	The Oba royal family take over from the Ogiso.	Benin expands its territory under the rule of Oba Ewuare the Great.	Oba Ewuare renames the Kingdom as Edo.	Oba Esigie sets up trading links with Europeans.	A series of civil wars within Benin lead to the kingdom declining in power.	Britain passes a law abolishing the slave trade, which further weakens the kingdom.	Benin City (in modern day Nigeria) comes under British control.

Key Word	Definition
Oba	A king, or chief in the Benin Kingdom
Ogis	The first kings of Benin. Ogisos means 'Rulers of the Sky'.
Empire	Lots of countries or states, all ruled by one monarch or single state.
Guild	A group of people who all do the same job, usually a craft.
Animism	A religion widely followed in Benin.
Cowrie shells	A sea shell which Europeans used as a kind of money to trade with African leaders.
Colonisation	When invaders take over control of a country by force, and live among the people.

Mesozoic Era	Stone Age	Bronze Age	Iron Age	Romans	Anglo-Saxons & Scots & Vikings	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings	Normans	Plantagenets	Tudors	Stuarts	Georgians	Victorians	Edwardians	WW1	WW2	Post-War	Modern Britain
245-65 mil BCE	15000 BCE - 2500 BCE	3000 BCE - 800 BCE	Celts 800 BCE - 43 CE	43 CE - 410 CE	410 - 793 CE	793 CE - 1066	1066 - 1154	1154 - 1485	1485 - 1603	1603-1714	1714 - 1837	1837 - 1901	1901 - 1910	1914 - 1918	1939 - 1945	1945 - 1980	1980 - Now

Key Learning

1. Benin, in modern day Nigeria was an advanced society as long ago as a thousand years, in many ways more advanced than Saxon and Viking society at the time.
2. Its really important that people living in Britain today recognise how African societies such as Benin developed in their own right and not as a result of contact with Europeans. This helps combat some prejudices people have today thinking that all the important developments in world history took place in in the West.
3. Benin society was organised around the all-important Oba who lived in his own palace within a well-defended city.
4. The society is best remembered for its magnificent bronzes.
5. At the end of the Victorian period soldiers of the British empire clashed with the inhabitants of Benin and looted a vast number of these superb bronzes many of which are still held in British museums.
6. The debate about whether the Benin bronzes should be returned still rumbles on. There are arguments on both side.



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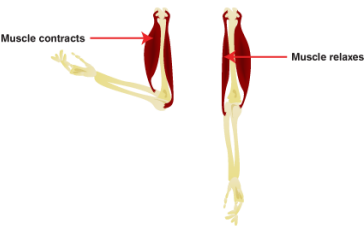
Key Word	Definition
Cross-stitch	Cross-stitch is a form of sewing and a popular form of counted-thread embroidery in which X shaped stitches are used to form a picture.
Blanket-stitch	The blanket stitch is a stitch used to reinforce the edge of thick materials.



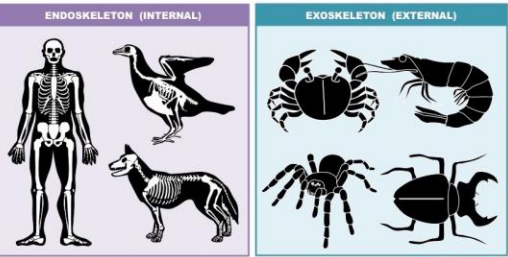
Science



Antagonistic Muscle Pairs



Food Pyramid



Key Word	Definition
balanced diet	a variety of food that you regularly eat
diet	the type and range of food that you regularly eat
nutrition	the process of taking food into the body and absorbing the nutrients in those foods
energy	the ability and strength to do physical things
healthy	well and not suffering from any illness
hygiene	keeping yourself and your surroundings clean, especially in order to prevent illness or the spread of diseases
vertebrate	animal with a backbone
invertebrate	animal without a backbone
exoskeleton	animal with a skeleton on the outside of its body
endoskeleton	animal with a skeleton on the inside of its body

