

## Year 5 – Ancient Benin

### Topic 10

40BC	A group of villages join together to form Igodomigodo .
AD 900	The kingdom begins to develop and boundaries are established around the region called Igodomigodo in what is now Nigeria.
AD 1100	The last Ogiso of Igodomigodo, Owodo, dies and there is nobody to rule.
AD 1180	Eweka becomes the new ruler and changes the name Igodomigodo to Edo. He calls himself the Oba
AD 1300-1700	The 'golden age' of Edo. It has a large, powerful army and skilled craftspeople.
AD 1489	The Edo people begin trading with the Portuguese, who call the place 'Benin'.
AD 1553	The first British ships arrive in Benin. Britain becomes a major power in the slave trade and is keen to gain more control.
AD 1897	The British enter Benin City without permission. Fighting breaks out (the 'Benin Massacre') and only two British officers survive. As punishment, the British launch the 'Benin Punitive Expedition' and destroy Benin City, stealing many treasures. The Oba is exiled and the British colonise Benin.
	What was the greatest thing that the Anglo-Saxons brought to Britain? Your own opinion—give reasons to back up your opinion.)
	Would life in Britain be better now if the Anglo-Saxons had never invaded successfully? Your own opinion—give reasons to back up your opinion.)

### Think Big?

Who am I?



### Do Ten (key skills)

- \* I can ask historically valid questions
- \* I can place historical periods on a timeline
- \* I can describe some changes in a historical period
- \* I can explain reasons for and results of historical changes
- \* I can describe similarities and differences between some people and beliefs in the period of history I am studying.
- \* I share and present my work in different ways
- \* try to organise my work well and give reasons for my ideas.
- \* I can select, organise and use relevant information in my work
- \* I can compare different sources of evidence
- \* I can identify primary and secondary sources of evidence
- \* I can make appropriate use of dates and vocabulary

### Say and Be 10

#### Inspiration people and quotes

"Behind a great King is a great woman" - Oba Esigie	
"The greatness of a man is not measured by his size, from his feet to his head but from his head to the sky and how he defeat his adversity from within him" - Ovonramen Nogbaisi	
"What more profit a man if having all the wealth in the world but loose his quality and value as a human being" - Oba godo	
Ogiso Igodo	The first king of Benin.
Ogiso Owodo	The last of the Ogiso kings.
Ekaladerhan	The son of Ogiso Owodo who was banished to Ife and became its king.
Prince Oranmiyan	A son of Ekaladerhan who was sent to rule over the people of Benin
Oba Eweka	The first of the dynasty of kings known as the Obas. Son of Prince Oranmiyan
Oba Ewuare	King from 1440 until 1473. Expanded and protected the kingdom greatly, and set up trading links.
Oba Ewedo	King from 1260 until 1274 who built a fine new palace in Benin City during his reign.

### Word Up 10

Ogiso	The title used by the early rulers of Igodomigodo. It means 'kings of the sky'. It is thought that there were around 31 Ogiso rulers.
Oba	The title used by Eweka and subsequent rulers. Eweka was from the Yoruba people and Oba is the Yoruba word for 'king'.
Edo	The name given to the kingdom of Igodomigodo by Oba Eweka. The people also became known as the Edo people.
Yoruba	The name of the people from the holy city of Ife. The histories of the Edo and Yoruba people are closely linked.
Ohen	A priest who performed religious ceremonies
Animists	People who believe that humans, animals and objects all have souls or spirits.
Brass	A yellowy metal made of a mixture of copper and zinc.
Dynasty	A line of people from the same family who play an important role.
Oracle	A person who was believed to pass on advice from Gods to ordinary people.
Trade	The exchanging of goods