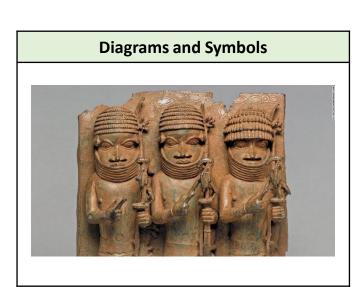
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History Focus		Benin		Year 4		
When? (Key Knowledge)			Background Information			
900s	Edo people settled in the rainforests of West Africa.		The Republic of Benin is from north to south a long stretched country in <u>West</u> <u>Africa</u> , situated east of <u>Togo</u> and west of <u>Nigeria</u> . Prior to colonial rule, part of the territory that is now Benin consisted of powerful, independent kingdoms. The			
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1600s	The Obas started to lose	What? (Key vocab)		
	control of their people.	Spelling	Definition	
		Oba A hereditary tribal ruler in the Benin region of western Africa.		
1800s	Benin was no longer strong or united.		-	
		Scramble for Africa	The invasion, occupation, division, and colonisation of African territory by European powers.	
1897	The kingdom came to a sudden end.			
1897	A British army invaded and made it part of the British Empire.	Benin Bronzes	A group of more than a thousand metal plaques and sculptures that decorated the royal palace of the <u>Kingdom</u> <u>of Benin</u> .	

Voyage

Dynasty



	same family			
Who?				
Eweka	The first Oba of Benin. Eweka was the first in a long line of Obas.			
Olfert Dapper	A Dutch physician and writer. He wrote books about world history and geography, although he never travelled outside the Netherlands.			

travel by sea

A long journey involving

A series of leaders in the