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| Skills and knowledge:  Questions | |
| 1 | Where was and when was the era of the Kingdom of Benin? |
| 2 | What happened at the end of the Benin era? |
| 3 | What beliefs and customs did the Benin have? |
| 4 | What changed and what stayed the same during the Benin era? |
| 5 | What was it like in a Benin village, can you recreate this through your own design and evaluation? |

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| Interesting facts |
| The people did not write down their history and instead passed it down through stories, art and legend. |
| By the year 900, the people were using copper and zinc ores to make brass. |

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| **Vocabulary** | |
| **Word** | Definition |
| **Ogiso** | The title used by early rulers of Igodomigodo. It means ‘kings of the sky’. |
| Oba | The title used by Eweka and subsequent rulers. **Oba** is the **Yoruba** word for ‘king’. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
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| AD 900 | AD 110 | AD 1300-1700 | AD 1489 | AD 1553 | AD 1987 |
| The kingdom begins to develop. Boundaries are established around the region called Igodomigodo in what is now Nigeria | The last Ogiso of Igodomigodo, Owodo, dies and there is nobody to rule. | The ‘golden age’ of Edo. It has a large, powerful army and skilled craftspeople. | The Edo people begin trading with the Portuguese, who call the place ‘Benin’. | The first British ships arrive in Benin. Britain becomes a major power in the slave trade and is keen to gain more control. | The British enter Benin City without permission. Fighting breaks out. The Oba is exiled and the British colonise Benin. |

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