



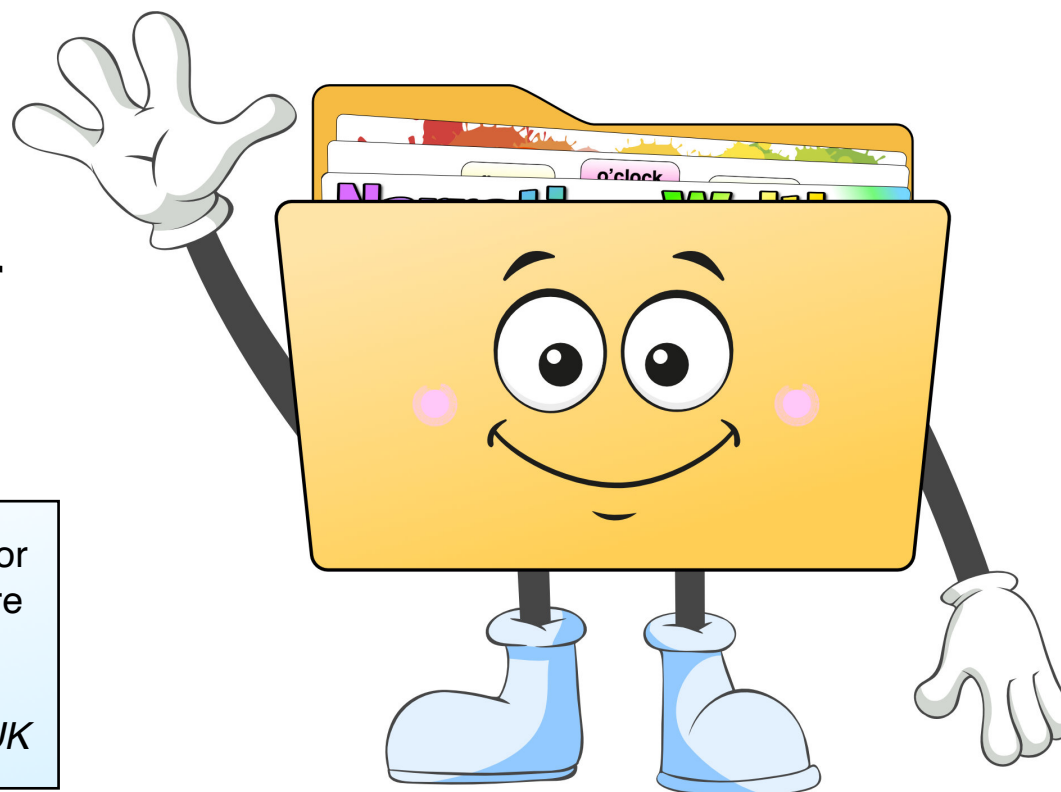
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The Kingdom of Benin

Around 400 CE	The Yoruba people start to use iron tools, enabling them to clear forest land to set up a settlement.
Around 900 CE	The Benin Kingdom is formed when many smaller villages join together to form a large community. Boundaries are established around a region called Igodomigodo (in what is now called Nigeria).
1100 CE	The Kingdom of Benin begins ruling in South West Africa.
1180 CE	Eweka becomes the first Oba, changing the name of Igodomigodo to Edo.
1300 CE	The start of the 'Golden Age' of Edo, when a large, powerful army is formed, and skilled craftspeople become established.
1283 CE	Oba Oguole builds the Benin City Wall to protect the city from invaders.
1440 CE	The Kingdom of Benin prospers under the rule of Oba Ewuare the Great, regarded to be the most successful leader of the Benin Kingdom.
1451 CE	Oba Ewuare expands the kingdom by setting up trading links with the Portuguese.
1471 CE	Portuguese ships arrive off the coast of West Africa.
1487 CE	Portuguese traders establish a permanent presence at Ughoton, the major port of the Kingdom of Benin.
1514 CE	The king of Benin fails to secure firearms from Portugal.
1516 CE	The Oba bans sales of male slaves to Portuguese traders.
1601 CE	Oba Ehengbuda, the last warrior king, dies.
1700 CE	The end of the 'Golden Age' of Edo. The Benin Kingdom begins to decline due to civil war and the ending of the slave trade with Europe.
1860 CE	The Kingdom of Benin is no longer powerful, and the Oba struggles to rule.
1897 CE	Benin City is destroyed by British troops. British forces conquer the Kingdom of Benin, which comes under British control.

The Kingdom of Benin

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3) What structure did Oba Oguole build to protect the city from invaders?

4) Which Oba is remembered as the most successful leader of the Benin Kingdom?

5) What happened first: Portuguese ships arriving off the coast of West Africa or the Benin City Wall being built?

6) How many years passed between the arrival of Portuguese ships and the establishment of Portuguese traders at Ughoton?

7) What two factors led to the end of the 'Golden Age' of Edo?

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Answers will vary.