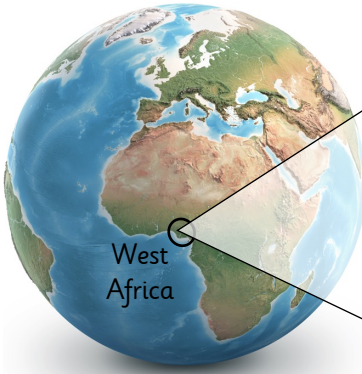




Location of the The Ancient Kingdom of Benin



West Africa



Ancient Benin City

Capital city of the Edo people

The Edo people lived in the rainforests in small villages



Over time, it became one of the most advanced civilisations in West Africa

Ultimately, Benin City was enclosed by incredible walls.

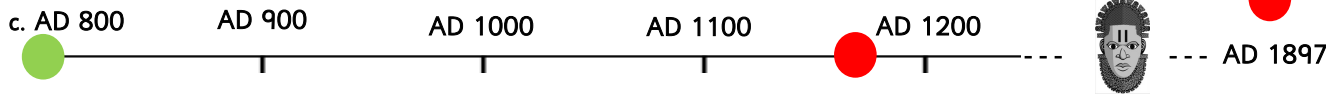


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The walls connected hundreds of villages to the city

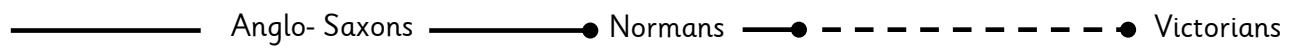
16,000 km of walls were dug by hand

PEOPLE AND LIFE	Edo people ruled by a dynasty of kings	farmers were important and grew crops	beads, ivory and cloth were traded	Edo people overthrow the Ogisos c. AD 1180	Writing Story telling	British soldiers loot and burn the ancient Benin City.
CITY GROWTH	villages connected	Defensive walls started to be built		Benin City began to flourish with beautiful palaces adorned with brass.		



KINGDOM	Kingdom of Benin first called Igodomigodo	The first kings were called ogisos The first ogiso was said to be called Igodo	Oba new powerful rulers take over Oba Ewedo given control of Benin	Various oba rule Benin Kingdom It had a powerful army and took over large areas of land and became rich
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BELIEF	believed in many gods polytheism pol - y - the - ism	were animists believed that natural objects had spirits	Oba people of Benin believed that the Oba was their god
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IN BRITAIN AT THE SAME TIME	Alfred the Great	Erik Bloodaxe killed	King Cnut	William the Conqueror	Henry II	Queen Victoria
	c. AD 800	AD 900	AD 1000	AD 1100	AD 1200	AD 1897