Vocabulary

* Benin
* Oba
* Slave
* Europeans
* Portugese
* Bronzes
* Century
* Valid
* Reliable
* Primary source
* Secondary source
* Diversity
* Plantations
* Tudor
* Ignatius Sancho
* John Blanke

Benin Timeline

1400s- Benin becomes a wealthy country and Europeans first visit (Portugese)

1440- The first of 5 great Obas rule Benin.

1897- British officials visit Benin during a religious event and don’t respect the Oba is busy. They are driven away and killed by Benin warriors.

1897- The British then send an army and the massacre in Benin occurs.

The debate of the Bronzes

The British killed many of the warriors and stole the Bronzes. Nowadays, a debate goes on over where the Bronzes should be as a lot of them are in European museums still.

**What was Benin and what can we learn from African history?**

Reliability and validity

Depending on if the source was produced by the Europeans or the people of Benin, will depend on how we interpret it. Also, we have to consider when it was written and what the attitudes of African people were at the time.

One of the Benin Bronzes