

Events in African History

1. Can you sort these events into chronological order?
2. Can you sort these events into what you think are the differences in importance to the history of Africa and its people, with most important at the top to the least important at the bottom?

<p>The first humans</p> <p>Scientists believe that the very first humans appeared in Africa over 1.6 million years ago. Modern humans appeared there around 170,000 years ago. People moved from Africa to other parts of the world.</p>	<p>Kingdom of Ghana develops</p> <p>Established in around AD 300, the kingdom of Ghana became a very successful empire that was rich from trading in gold and salt.</p>	<p>The ancient Egyptians</p> <p>The ancient Egyptian civilisation developed by the River Nile in around 3000 BC. It became a very powerful civilisation.</p>
<p>Kingdom of Benin develops</p> <p>From around AD 900, the kingdom of Benin emerged as one of the most highly developed and successful civilisations on the West coast of Africa.</p>	<p>Europeans and Africans begin to trade with each other</p> <p>From around AD 1400, European sailors began to sail to Africa. They began to buy things such as gold, ivory and pepper from the people in Africa.</p>	<p>The slave trade increases rapidly</p> <p>The buying and selling of slaves had already existed for hundreds of years but grew in the 1600 – 1700s. Europeans bought slaves in very large numbers to sell in the West Indies and America and they were forced to work on plantations which grew sugar, tobacco, coffee or cotton.</p>
<p>Slavery is challenged and eventually demolished</p> <p>In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, people began to campaign to end slavery. In 1807 Britain banned the slave trade.</p>	<p>Kingdom of Zimbabwe develops</p> <p>The Kingdom of Zimbabwe developed in AD 1100. It is famous for its capital, Great Zimbabwe, which was the largest stone structure in southern Africa.</p>	<p>17 African countries declare their independence</p> <p>In 1960, Cameroon, Togo, Madagascar, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, Benin, Niger, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Chad, Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Senegal, Mali, Nigeria and Mauritania all declared independence from the countries (France, Britain & Belgium) that had previously been controlling them.</p>

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