

Growth of an Empire



Read the statements about Benin with your partner. Can you cut them out and order them from those you think are the most to the least important in the development and growth of the Kingdom of Benin?

1. Can you add any more reasons of your own? Where would your reasons fit in the order?
2. Are all of the statements relevant?

Benin has skilled craftsmen and women.

The kingdom traded goods with other countries.

There were no schools and people did not read or write.

Farming the land produced a multitude of healthy and delicious crops.

From around AD 1180, the Edo people were ruled by kings called Obas.

The Benin Kingdom had a large, powerful army.

A large mound of earth was built around the Kingdom.

The history of the Kingdom was passed down through storytellers.

Smaller tribes joined together to form a bigger group of people.