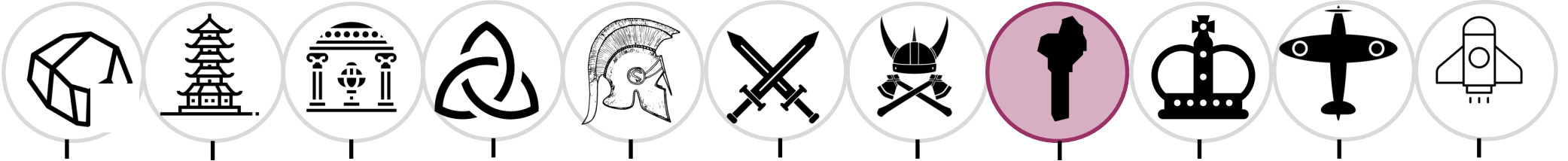


Year 5: AFRICA

HISTORICAL CONTEXT: The ancient Kingdom of Benin: AD 900 to 1900



KEY VOCABULARY:

Benin	a French-speaking West African nation
Nigeria	an African country on the Gulf of Guinea
Oba	Oba means "ruler" in the Yoruba and Bini languages of West Africa
Captain Phillips	James. R. <i>Phillips</i> , he led his men straight into an ambush of <i>Benin</i> soldiers

a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300.



WHAT?

Why do we learn about Benin?

What sort of place was Benin 100 years ago and how do we know?

What can we tell about Benin society from the images and artefacts that have survived?

What changes took place when the European settlers started trading?

Why did the British get involved?

Should the bronzes be returned to Benin?