



KEY VOCABULARY

peoples

members of a particular nation or community

ceremony

a social or religious occasion often celebrating a particular event

Bamana Peoples

a group of peoples living mainly in Mali, Western Africa

headdress

a covering for the head, especially worn in ceremonies

Edo Peoples

a group of peoples living mainly in southern Nigeria

Benin City

a city in southern Nigeria, West Africa: Benin City flourished from the 14th-17th centuries as the centre of the Benin Kingdom

plaque

a flat, decorated slab, often square or rectangle that is fixed, to a wall or other surface and remembers an event or a person

relief

where sculptures stick out from a flat surface, rather than being made all the way around

cast

the process of making an object by shaping liquid metal in a mould

brass

a metal made by mixing two other metals, copper and zinc

ivory

a hard, white substance, made from the tusks of elephants, which can be carved

Benin plaque showing equestrian Oba and attendants, Nigeria (Edo Peoples)

1550-1680



Benin ivory mask of Queen Mother, Nigeria (Edo peoples) 16th century



antelope headdress, Mali (Bamana Peoples) 19th century/early 20th century

