

Year 6– Spring – What was the impact of the Benin invasion then and now?

What I need to know by the end of this unit:

- There are positive and negative impacts of invasions.
- The kingdom of Benin was located in Africa, in modern-day Nigeria.
- The kingdom was ruled by an Oba.
- Artefacts and sources provide clues for historians.
- Britain invaded Benin in 1897.
- Benin became part of the British Empire as a result.
- The Benin Bronzes are on display in museums around the world.
- There is an ethical discussion around the Benin Bronzes being returned.



Key Vocabulary – Top 6!

- **Invasion** - to enter a place or situation forcefully or without permission.
- **Impact** - the effect something has on someone or something else.
- **Empire** - multiple lands all ruled by one leader.
- **Oba** - the ruler and King of Benin.
- **Examine** - to look closely and carefully at something in order to understand it better.
- **Debate** - when people talk about a topic and give reasons for their opinions, often for or against an idea.

