



# Benin

## *Digital Resources and Children's Books*

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### **Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:**

The Benin Empire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW1pJ3wM9LQ>

Warrior Women in Dahomey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZfF2VsPVD8>

Dahomey Kingdom and the History of Slavery:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XinLxUEcYbU>

History of the Slave Trade in Benin, Point of No Return UNESCO Site:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Jr7m5XudKw>

Images of Benin - animals, people, landscape, *Review first:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiIG-UFLaN0>

Geography Now Benin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4Cln0jweuc>

Benin, Best Places to Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PbNefqb3TwM>

10 Amazing Facts about Benin: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B\\_5KbbWsDTk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_5KbbWsDTk)

Downtown Market in Cotonou, Benin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cO3XPpPAI1o>

Experiencing Traditional Culture in Ouidah, Benin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBBsmGLEeFk>

Benin Traditional Gospel Band: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpMNRwhXbSo>

Traditional Wedding in Benin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0ZRg02I65c>

The Business of Food in Benin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tp-DUfVoMKs>

Once Upon a Time, Preserving Folktales in Benin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6W9BJgRYy14>

Animals in Pendjari National Park: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1L640dtU7-k>

## **Websites:**

Benin: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benin>

Overview of Benin: <http://www.countryreports.org/country/Benin.htm>

Culture of Benin: <http://www.everyculture.com/A-Bo/Benin.html>

Major Ethnic Groups of Benin: <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/major-ethnic-groups-of-benin.html>

Kingdom of Benin: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpvckqt/articles/z3n7mp3>

The Art of the Kingdom of Benin:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art\\_of\\_the\\_Kingdom\\_of\\_Benin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_of_the_Kingdom_of_Benin)

Palaces of Abomey, UNESCO Site: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/323>

Palace Sculptures of Abomey:

[https://www.getty.edu/conservation/publications\\_resources/pdf\\_publications/pdf/palace2.pdf](https://www.getty.edu/conservation/publications_resources/pdf_publications/pdf/palace2.pdf)

Voodoo Festival Benin, Old Religion, New Festival:

<https://afrotourism.com/travelogue/voodoo-festival-benin-old-religion-new-festival/>

What can we learn from the Art of Benin?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpvckqt/articles/z84fvcw#:~:text=Village%20craft%20workers%20made%20simple,leather%20workers%2C%20blacksmiths%20and%20weavers.>

Benin Cuisine: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benin\\_cuisine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benin_cuisine)

## **Lesson Plans:**

Teaching Benin: <https://www.keystagehistory.co.uk/keystage-2/outstanding-lessons-keystage-2/benin-outstanding-lessons-keystage-2/>

Benin, Activity Village: <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/benin>

Benin, Ducksters: <http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/kingdom-benin>

Benin Kingdom Lesson Plans: <https://www.ks2history.com/benin-lesson-plans>

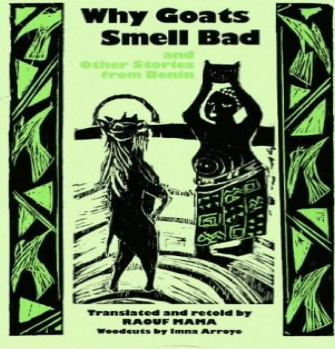
Benin Kingdom, Teachers Pay Teachers:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:benin%20kingdom>

The Kingdom of Benin: <https://www.twinkl.com/resources/ks2-history/world-history-history-subjects-key-stage-2/ks2-history-benin>

## Children's Books:

	<p><b>Title:</b> Cultures of the World-Benin  <b>Author:</b> Martha Kneib  <b>Grade:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  <b>Series:</b> Cultures of the World (Book 25)  <b>Publisher:</b> Cavendish Square Publishing; 1 edition (January 1, 2001)  <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0761423281  <b>Summary:</b> A look at some of the treasures that make Benin so rich in culture.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The Kidnapped Prince: The Life of Olaudah Equiano  <b>Author:</b> Ann Cameron  <b>Grade Level:</b> 3 - 7  <b>Publisher:</b> Yearling (January 25, 2000)  <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0375803467  <b>Summary:</b> Kidnapped at the age of 11 from his home in Benin, Africa, Olaudah Equiano spent the next 11 years as a slave in England, the U.S., and the West Indies, until he was able to buy his freedom. His autobiography, published in 1789, was a bestseller in its own time. Cameron has modernized and shortened it while remaining true to the spirit of the original. It's a gripping story of adventure, betrayal, cruelty, and courage</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Am I Small? *Bilingual Fulani*  <b>Author:</b> Philipp Winterberg &amp; Nadja Wichman  <b>Grade:</b> K-5<sup>th</sup>  <b>Publisher:</b> CreateSpace Independent Publishing  <b>ISBN:</b> 1499507003  <b>Summary:</b> Bilingual Edition English-Fula/Fulani"Am I small?" - Tamia is not sure and keeps asking various animals that she meets on her journey. Eventually she finds the surprising answer.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The Art of Benin  <b>Author:</b> Paula Girshick Ben-Amos  <b>Paperback:</b> 128 pages  <b>Publisher:</b> Smithsonian; Rev Sub edition (June 17, 1995)  <b>Language:</b> English  <b>ISBN-10:</b> 1560986107  <b>Summary:</b> Samples of art styles gathered from around Benin.</p>



**Title:** Why Goats Smell Bad and Other Stories from Benin

**Author:** Raouf Mama

**Publisher:** Linnet Books (February 1998)

**ISBN-10:** 0208024697

**Summary:** A collection of nineteen folk stories from the Fon people of Benin, about orphans and twins with magical associations, spirits, animals, royalty, and farmers.