



Objectives Section 4

History at key stage 2

West African Kingdoms: The Kingdom of Benin Section 4: What was life like in the Kingdom of Benin?

Lesson Objectives	Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To learn about aspects of life in a typical West African village.• To know why storytelling was an important aspect of African culture.• To find out about African music, dance and games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will be able to say what food was grown and eaten and what Kente cloth is.• Children will listen to several popular West African stories and explain the role of griots.• Children will make their own African mask.

Additional notes:

Storytelling has been an important part of African culture for many generations.

Parents and grandparents shared folktales with their children during a daily story time, called, “Anansi time.” These stories taught children lessons about how they were expected to behave. Often the lesson was to not act like the main character in the story. Usually it is Anansi who behaves badly, foolishly, or without thinking about how his behaviour affects others.

