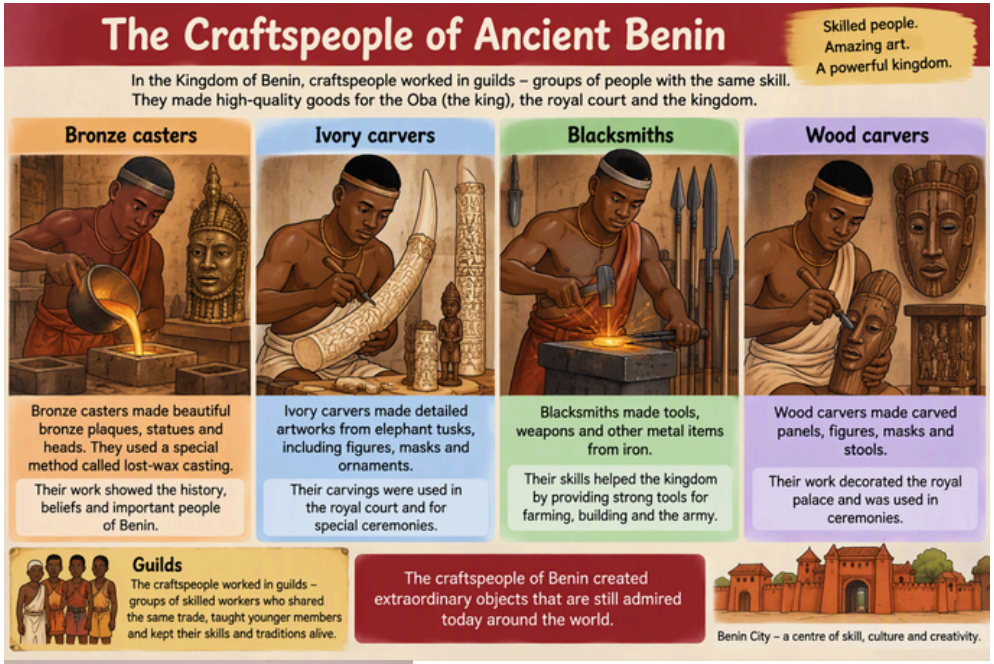




When you see a Benin bronze, it makes you understand that African society produced some great civilizations and established some great cultures. What happened to the Benin kingdom is a reminder of what happened in many, many other parts of the African continent.

Many of the Benin bronzes are on display around the world, they were taken by force by explorers in the Victorian era. But should they be given back? What do you think?

Key Vocabulary

kingdom	a place ruled by a king or queen
ceremony	a special event where people come together to celebrate or mark something important
ritual	something special that people do in the same way every time, often to celebrate or remember something important
reincarnation	being born again in a new body after you die.
Ogiso	the name given to the first kings who ruled the Benin Kingdom
dynasty	a royal family who ruled one after another for a long time
merchant	a person who buys and sells goods to make money

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What were the key achievements of the Benin Kingdom?