**Oyo and Dahomey**

**Glossary**

Ouidah Major trading port for the region

Yoruba Most populous people of southern Nigeria

Nupe Cloth-producing kingdom to the north

Allada Kingdom of Aja people

Whydah/Hueda Coastal kingdom

**Oyo**

Oranmiyan Said to have founded Oyo

Alafins Generic name for Oyo kings

Oko Thrusting-spear carried by Oyo cavalrymen

Esin Javelin carried by Oyo cavalrymen

Ilari Slaves acting as the Alafin’s bodyguards

Eso

Are Ona Kakongo Commander-in-Chief of Oyo

Oyo-Ile Capital of Oyo

Ekun The eight provinces of Oyo:-

* Ekun otun – three west of River Ogun
* Ekun otun – three to the east
* Ekun osi – provinces of Igbomina and Egbodo

Assingba Annual tribute sent by subordinate towns to Oyo-Ile

Oyo Mesi Seven principal chiefs who made up the Alafin’s advisory council

Basorun Head of the Oyo Mesi

Ajele Alafin’s personal representative in provincial towns

Eru Oba King’s slaves who carried out the administrative and ceremonial tasks of the palce at Oyo

Iwefa Highest ranking of the Eru Oba – guardians of the wives and children of the Alafin and involved in legal and administrative matters

* Osi Iwefa – dealt with collecting revenue
* Ona Iwefa – dealt with legal decisions
* Otun Iwefa – important religious and ritual roles

Abipa King of Oyo

Ifa Cult showing the deity of divination, established by Abipa

Sango Cult established to support retention of power by Oyo-Ile

Mogba Sango priests

Mole festival In honour of the deity Ifa

Orun festival Where the Alafin made sacrifices to Ifa

Bere festival Where annual tributes were received from the provinces

Ade Crown with a beaded fringe worn by the Alafin

Akoro Beadless crowns worn by rulers subordinate to the Alafin

Sagbata cult Resisted Agaja’s centralisation of power

**Dahomey**

Avoga/Yovogan Chief office of the Kingdom of Dahomey

Agaja King of Dahomey 1708-1740

Tegbesu King of Dahomey 1740-1774

Kpengla King of Dahomey 1774-1789

Agonglo King of Dahomey 1789-1797

Adandozan King of Dahomey 1797-1818

Migan Dahomean official who administered the markets

Agbajigbeto Powerful network of spies for King of Dahomey

Daklo Senior wife of the King of Dahomey

Agou Dahomean general of the army

Dinu Chief eunuch in charge of Dahomean palace

Topozu Dahomean in charge of agriculture

Mesconum Dahomean in charge of the royal wardrobe

Vodun Dahomean spirits

Tohosu cult For the vodun of the royal house