

LESSON NOTE FOR WEEK FOUR (4)

TOPIC: INTER- RELATIONSHIPS OF SOME CENTRES OF CIVILIZATION IN PRE- COLONIAL NIGERIA.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLES FROM DIFFERENT CENTRES OF CIVILIZATION IN PRE-COLONIAL NIGERIA.

Communication and inter- ethnic relationship among the various Nigerian tribe , existed before colonial history , though, communication and interaction were low due to some factors which includes ;

1. Language barrier
2. Suspicion due to different cultural practices and beliefs .
3. Lack of interest to explore unknown tribes or region.
4. Regular inter-tribal war which promoted slave trade.
5. Under developed road network.

However, tribes still related with one another in areas that concerns technology, commerce, inter- tribal marriages etc.

(A) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRE- COLONIAL IFE AND BENIN (BINI)

The following are the relationship between Ife and Benin Empire;

1. They both depended on myths and legends in tracing their origins, so there were controversies among historians about their origins
2. Both had respected and popular work of arts
3. both had established cultures that lasted for centuries
4. both had centralized system of government
5. Artifacts of both Ife and Benin were very significant in Nigeria history.

(B) DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IFE AND BENIN KINGDOM

The differences between the two ethnic group include the following;

1. Ife had no direct army to prosecute wars while Benin kingdom had a very strong army that fought her battles.
2. Ife did not engage in so many wars but Benin empire engaged in so many wars and conquered so many territories,
3. Ife people speak Yoruba language while people of Benin Empire speak Edo as their major language.
4. Ife was ruled by oduduwa the father of the Yoruba while Benin kingdom had ogisos as their set of rulers
5. Ife was known for bronze art works while Benin kingdom was known for both bronze and brass art works
6. Ife was regarded as the cradle of human existence while Benin was not .

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KANMEN-BORNO EMPIRE AND HAUSA STATES

1. both practiced centralized system of government
2. Islam became the state religion of both Kanem Borno Empire and Hausa states
3. both had specific system of administering justice before the advent of Islam
4. both engaged in trans-Saharan trade across the Sahara desert to booth their economy.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KANEM-BORNO EMPIRE AND HAUSA STATES

The following are the differences between Kanem-Borno Empire and Hausa states;

1. Kanem Borno origin can be traced to the Maghumi people while that of the Hausa states to bayajidda.
2. Kanem-brono people speak kanuri language while people of hausa states speak hausa
3. Islam was introduced to Kanem Borno around the 11th century while it was introduced to hausa states in the 15th century,
4. kanem-Borno empire was located in the North-east of the present Nigeria while Hausa states were located in the North west of Nigeria

HOME WORK

1. State the differences between Kanem-Borno and Hausa states.