

WEEK FOUR (4)

TOPIC : NON-CENTRALISED STATES _ IDOMA

ORIGIN OF IDOMA PEOPLE :

people Idoma people are located in Benue state. Idoma nation is the second largest ethnic group in Benue state. There are many divergence views as to the origin of Idoma people but most historians believe that the idoma people migrated from Ape in Kwararafa kingdom as the results of constant wars and insecurity of lives. . It is believed that during the migration, Idoma people settled in the present day Tiv land before majority of Idoma people were pushed to the present day location while others found their way to Nasarawa state and Cross River State.

SOCIO POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF IDOMA

1. The family (ole)
2. The lineage group (ipopu)
3. The clan (ipaje): the clan head or leader was called "ochaje"
4. Age group
5. Dance guild formed by powerful young warriors .

THE ECONOMY OF IDOMA

1. The idoma people engaged in trade. They traded in commodities and exchanged food and cash crops.
2. They practised agriculture . as a result of their fertile land ,they cultivated crops such as yam, cassava, guinea corn oranges
3. They hunted animals for sale and consumption.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Highlight the socio political structure of the idoma people.
2. Compare Tiv and Idoma's economy .