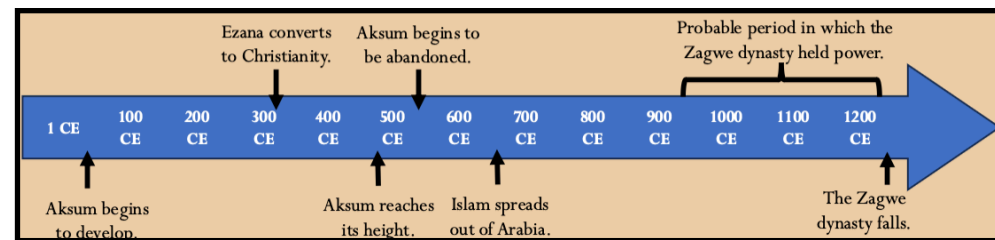




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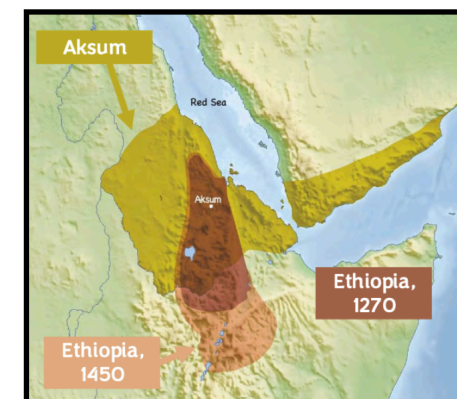
Key vocabulary

Transform	To make a change in something.
Overthrow	To remove someone from power.
Solomonic Dynasty	A line of Ethiopian monarchs that descended from King Solomon of Israel and the Queen of Sheba.
Furtively	To move secretively.
Aksum	The city of ancient kings.
Zara Yaqob	The ruler of Ethiopia from 1434 to 1468.
Ewuare	The ruler of Benin from 1440 to 1473.
Entreaty	An attempt to make someone do something.
Tonsured	The hair on top of the head shaved off.
Hierarchy	When people are ranked based on importance or power.
Psalter	A book of psalms (hymns).
Regalia	the special, formal clothes and decorations worn or carried for official ceremonies.
The Edo	A group of people who lived in a small kingdom in the rainforests of West Africa.
The Uzama	The seven village chief of the Edo.
Dr Adeyemi Akande	Historian who has a particular interest in the regalia worn by the oba and their royal courtiers.
Oba	Another word for ruler or leader.



This map shows the area covered by the medieval kingdom of Benin. Today, Benin is part of a much bigger country called Nigeria.

This map shows Ethiopia and how it changed over a 200 year period.



The Solomonic kings faced some big challenges in ruling their new kingdom.

1. travel

Mountains and ravines made travel difficult, especially during the rainy season.

2. trade

Ethiopia did not have its own port on the Red Sea Coast. Trade routes ran through neighbouring lands.

3. A diverse people

Ethiopia contained people from many different ethnic and religious groups.

4. A divided country

Not all regions were loyal to the king. The king could not rule every region directly.