

# Exercises

## WHAT TIME IS IT?

**DIRECTIONS:** If you replied, “time to get a watch!”, then you’re pretty sharp because that’s a classic burn! In the following exercise, you have to know what time it is. Place the events shown in the “Event Box” in chronological order. In the left column, write the date; in the right column write the event.

## EVENT BOX

British Benin Punitive Expedition

Asante independence

The British Museum acquires the Igbowon Bowl

King Osei Tutu founds the Asante Empire

Nok civilization flourishes

1<sup>st</sup> group of brass heads are found at the Wunonije Compound

Anglo-Asante Wars (start and end dates)

Bernard Fagg discovers the so-called “Jemaa Head”

Excavation of the Igbo Ukwu burial site

DATE(S)	EVENT
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## One of These Things Is Not Like the Others

- I've deduced that **Nsek-bieri** doesn't belong in this group. *Nkisi*, *nkondi*, and *minkisi* are all names used to refer to a "Nail Figure." *Minkisi* is the plural form of *nkisi*, and *nkondi* is a type of *nkisi*. *Nsek-bieri* doesn't belong because it is a type of portable ancestral shrine used by the Fang.
- I've deduced that **Swaziland** doesn't belong in this group. Cameroon, the DRC, and Gabon are all countries within the region of Central Africa, whereas Swaziland is a country located in Southern Africa.
- I've deduced that **gourds** don't belong in this group. Verandas, arches, and arcades are all architectural forms that are incorporated into the design of the Royal Palace of Foumban. Gourds are hard-skinned fruit that are used as containers and as materials in many African artworks.
- I've deduced that **cosmogram** doesn't belong in this group. *Minkisi* figures are looked after by a *banganga* (a spiritual leader in the Kongo culture) and the *bilongo* is the medicine that is contained within *Minkisi*. Although Kongo cosmograms are incorporated into various artworks, they are (within the scope of USAD art curriculum) only seen on the forehead of the Pwo mask.
- I've deduced that **the Congo Republic** doesn't belong in this group. The leaders of Belgium, Great Britain, and Portugal (among others) all participated in the 1884–85 Berlin Conference. At the conference, European leaders divided the land and resources of the African continent among themselves—with no regard to existing African governments and ethnic regions. So, of course, the Congo Republic doesn't belong in this group of imperial land grabbers.

## You Had Me at "the King Is Depicted Chewing Hallucinogenic Roots"

- Palace of Foumban
- Finial of a Royal Scepter
- Palace of Foumban
- nkondi*
- The Great Bieri*
- Pwo mask
- Finial of a Royal Scepter
- Pwo mask
- The Great Bieri*
- nkondi*

## Section IV Answer Key What Time Is It?

Date(s)	Event
900 BCE – 200 CE	Nok civilization flourishes
c.1695	King Osei Tutu founds the Asante Empire
1823–1900	Anglo-Asante Wars
1897	British Benin Punitive Expedition
1935	Asante independence
1938	1 <sup>st</sup> group of brass heads are found at the Wunonije Compound
1942	Bernard Fagg discovers the so-called "Jemaa Head"
1956	The British Museum acquires the Ibgo Bowl
1959–60	Excavation of the Igbo Ukwu burial site