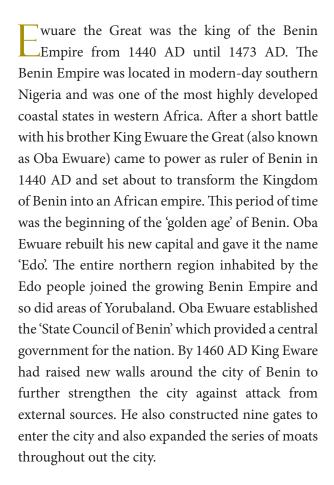


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The historian and west African Chief Jacob Egharevba provides us with the following description:

"King Ewuare fought against and captured 201 towns and villages in Ekiti, Ikare, Kukuruku, Eka and Igbo country. He made good roads in Benin City. It was he who had the innermost and greatest of the walls and ditches made round the city, and he also made powerful charms and had them buried at each of the nine gateways of the city so as to ward against any evil charms which might be brought by people of other countries in order to injure his subjects"

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King Ewuare was key in encouraging the expansion of art and culture within the kingdom, he also started the tradition of the kings of Benin wearing red stones and scarlet-colours. Ewuare ruled for a total of 33 years before his son took over ruling the nation. Oba Ewuare died in 1473 AD and is remembered as a highly intelligent and powerful ruler.