



# Yoruba Religion

Gods, Beliefs, and Traditions

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# Beliefs

A set of shared cultural values, songs, stories, and various traditions



Ayanmo - all humans possess this, practically destiny and faith

Itan: the total of all cultural concepts within Yoruba

## Beliefs Con't:

Orun-Rere: the physical realm for those who are good people, everyone wants to reach this state

Ori-Inu: spiritual consciousness in physical realm



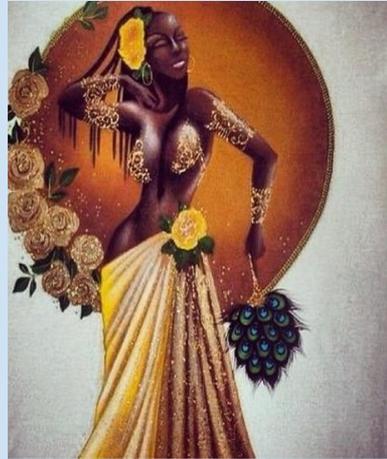
# Background Information Con't:



During the era American slavery millions of Yoruba people were forcibly taken out of Africa which caused a cultural division; unity is very important within Yoruba, this caused a fracture in cultural ties

# Background Information

- Yoruba is a lot of “New World” religions (Santeria, Umbanda, Haitian Vodou, Trinidad Orisha, etc.)
- Based primarily in what is now considered to be SW Nigeria
- Nigeria, Togo, and Benin



# Oya

-Diety of winds, lightning, and violent storms, death and rebirth

-Favorite wife of **Shango**,  
remained true to him until  
the end



# Oshun

-Deity of water, luxury, pleasure, love  
destiny and divination.

-Served as queen consort  
to King Shango of Oyo.

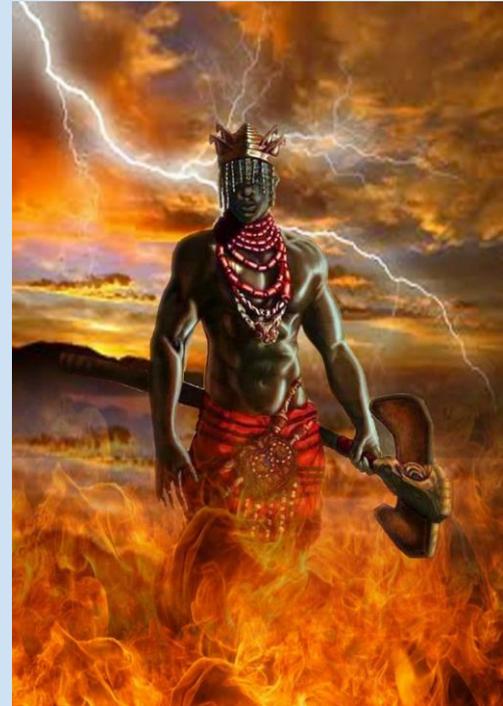


# Shango

-God of Thunder and Lightning.

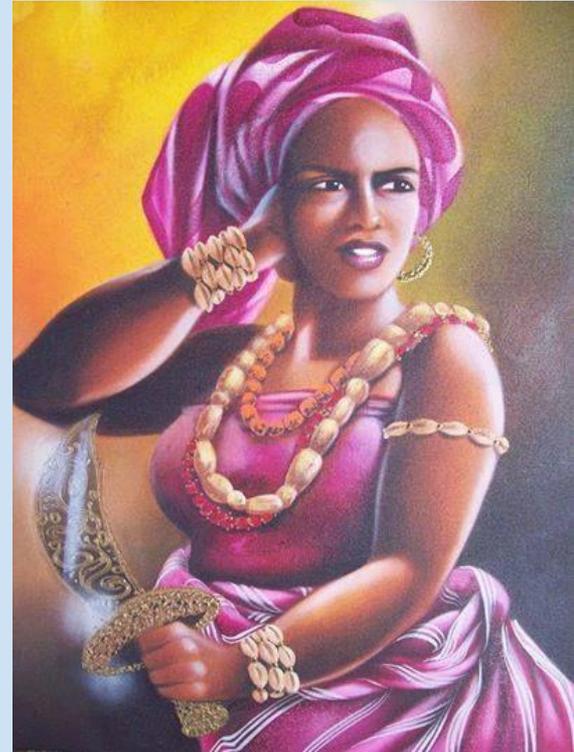
He had three wives,

Oshun, Oba, and Oya



# Oba

- Oshun of the river
- First wife of Shango



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