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Journey Through Time: Exploring the History of Nigeria

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Possible answer: Ancient civilizations like Ife and Nok played a crucial role in shaping Nigeria's cultural identity and artistic heritage. Their artifacts, such as terracotta sculptures and bronze works, continue to inspire and connect Nigerians to their rich history.
2. Possible answer: Colonial rule in Nigeria had both positive and negative impacts. While it introduced Western education and modern governance systems, it also disrupted traditional practices, created ethnic tensions, and left a legacy of economic disparities. These effects continue to influence Nigeria today.
3. Possible answer: The Nigerian Civil War was driven by ethnic and political tensions. The consequences were devastating, including loss of life and economic hardship. Lessons include the importance of dialogue, unity, and conflict resolution to prevent such conflicts in the future.
4. Possible answer: Nigeria's rapid growth presents opportunities for economic development and global influence. However, it also brings challenges like managing a diverse population and addressing infrastructure needs to ensure sustainable growth and stability.

