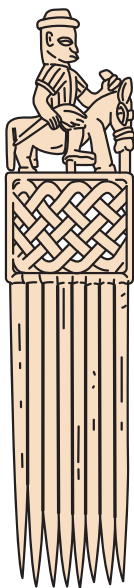


OYIYA

Comb



Oyiya (combs) were highly decorated by carvers to make the objects more attractive, to document events and people at the time and possibly for use by members of the royal court. Oyiya in Benin were historically carved from wood or, in the case of more elaborate examples, ivory.

