**WEEK 2: THE FOURTEEN HAUSA STATES IN PRE-COLONIAL NIGERIA**

Hausa states were of two distinct groups. The first group consisted of seven states called the **“Hausa Bokwoi”** states. The other groups consisted of the remaining seven states, and were called the **“Seven Illegitimate or Banza States”.**

The word **“Banza”** is an Hausa word meaning Bastard. The Hausa “**Bokwoi”** states includes; Daura, Gabir, Zaria, Katsina, Kano, Rano and Bilina.

The “**Banza”** or Bastard state includes the Yoruba town of llorin, Yauri, Jakun, Kebbi, Zamfara, Nupe and Yaura.

At the Beginning of the 19th century, those fourteen states were forced to quit the political theatre of West Africa. This was as a result of the Sokoto Jihad declared and fought by a tribe called “the Fulani” against Hausa states.

The Hausas were defeated because they were weak and disunited. This defeat marked the end of what used to be the fourteen ancient Hausa states.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Discuss the weakness of the Hausa states.