Shango: God of Thunder and Lightning
Nigeria Staff for Shango
Unknown Artist, Yoruba people
19C
Wood
Hood Museum of Art
marks of royal family of Oyo, the lineage of Shango

protective goodness
thunderstones

Balanced fire

punishment

symbolizes woman’s respect to the spirit world
Yoruba in Nigeria performing a dance in honour of the god Shango.
Staff for Shango
Shango 1

- Shango
- Double-axe
- Shango color: red and white
Shango 2

Shango color:
Red & white
Shango’s lighting will terrorize the liars.
The Yoruba people live in Southwest Nigeria and Benin.
The climate is tropical rain forest.

Rainfall: more than sixty inches a year.
Language: Yoruba (Kwa)

The Yorùbá Alphabet (Abìdì Yorùbá)