

Historical Background of the Easter Island.

Rapa Nui is an island in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Chile. Rapa Nui was **inhabited** for thousands of years by Polynesians who **raised crops**, built houses, and **worshipped gods** in nearly complete isolation from the rest of the world. They also created **enormous stone statues, moai**, that still stand. **Carved** by skilled **craftsmen** from **quarries** inside the Rano Raraku volcano, the statues range from six feet to over 30 feet tall. Archeologists and historians are still not sure how **islanders**, using simple tools, could have moved the huge statues across several miles and then raised them to a standing position.



Reading comprehension: Answer the following questions about the reading.

1. What is Rapa Nui?
 - a) a city. b)a continent. b)an island in the pacific ocean.
2. Who used to raise crops, built houses, and worshipped Gods?
 - a) The moais. b)The Polynesians. c)Rano Raraku.
3. What is the name of the enormous stone statues?
 - a) Moai b)Rapa Nui c)Rano Raraku
4. Where were the quarries?
 - a) Somewhere in the island. b)inside the Rano Raraku volcano. c)islanders.
5. What archeologist and historians are not sure about?
 - a) Using tools. b)how the islanders moved the huge statues. c)how they raised crops