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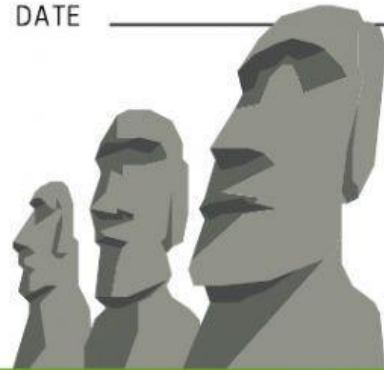
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Easter Island

Read and answer the questions regarding the text.



Rapa Nui is an island in the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Chile. Rapa Nui was inhabited for thousand 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, called “moai”, that still stand nowadays.

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.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE READING.

1. WHAT IS RAPA NUI?
2. WHO USED TO RAISE CROPS, BUILD HOUSES AND WORSHIP GODS?
3. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ENORMOUS STONE STATUES?
4. WHERE WERE THE QUARRIES?
5. WHAT ARE ARCHEOLOGIST AND HISTORIANS STILL NOT SURE ABOUT?