

I. Read the following texts and share some information with the class.

The Polynesian Triangle can be described as an area in the **Pacific Ocean** with three groups of islands at its corners. The term is often used as a simple way to explain the extent covered by Polynesia. The three island groups located at the corners of the triangle are **Hawai'i** (also known as Sandwich Island), **New Zealand**, and **Easter Island**.



The Hawaiian Islands is the northernmost island group in Polynesia. The Hawaiian archipelago consists of hundreds of islands spread across 1,500 miles in the central Pacific Ocean. The archipelago consists of 8 major islands, The eight major islands of Hawaii are Hawai'i, Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i, Moloka'i, Lana'i, Ni'ihau, and Kaho'olawe.

Easter Island is situated at the southeastern most corner of the Polynesian Triangle. It is a remote but inhabited island that is famous for almost 1,000 extant monumental statues referred to as “moai” which were created by the ancient Rapa Nui people.

New Zealand is the only sovereign country of the three island groups. It is located in the southwestern portion of the Pacific Ocean and comprises of two main islands; the South and the North Islands, and about 600 other smaller islands.

- II. Look at the images and identify the typical dances of each island. Look for information on the internet about their characteristics, such as costumes and choreographies (how they are danced) or history.

