

Text 03: What Happened to the Civilization of Easter Island?

Vocabulary and Comprehension Quiz

1. Easter Island is known as Rapa Nui by the local people.
TRUE FALSE NOT GIVEN

2. Which person thought that the moai were built by extra-terrestrials (aliens)?
 - A. Norwegian ethnographer Thor Heyerdahl
 - B. Swiss author Erich Von Daniken
 - C. US scientist Jarred Diamond
 - D. Archaeologists Hunt and Lipo

3. Which person believed that the Rapa Nui wrecked their own environment?
 - A. Norwegian ethnographer Thor Heyerdahl
 - B. Swiss author Erich Von Daniken
 - C. US scientist Jarred Diamond
 - D. Archaeologists Hunt and Lipo

4. The discovery of pollen preserved in lake sediment proved that Rapa Nui had not always been grassland. It had been covered with lush palm forests.
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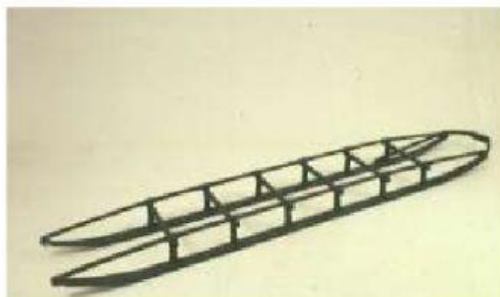
5. Which of the following was NOT a theory proposed in the text about how the moai were moved?
 - A. They walked upright.
 - B. They were placed on sledges and moved over log rails.
 - C. The local people used animals to drag the moai into place.
 - D. The statues were moved using a small number of people.

6. What 2 discoveries showed that the Rapa Nui were careful stewards of the land.
 - A. Canoes and fishing boats
 - B. Nuts from the extinct Easter Island palm trees with grooves and teeth marks from rats
 - C. Circular stone windbreaks and broken volcanic rocks
 - D. Rat skeletons and fossilized bird eggs

7. Hunt and Lipo's vision of the Rapa Nui people was one of people who were constantly fighting and competing with each other by building bigger and bigger statues.
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8. What activity did Hunt and Lipo say helped the islanders to keep the peace?
A. Fishing
B. Gardening
C. Building the moai statues
D. Planting more trees
9. Which of the following is NOT a reason proposed by Hunt and Lipo in your text for why the population of the island decreased?
A. Slave trading
B. Arrival of the Europeans who brought diseases
C. Rats
D. Reckless deforestation
10. At its lowest point, the population of the island dwindled to only...
A. 5,000
B. 111
C. 50
D. 1100

Vocabulary: Choose the vocabulary word that matches each picture.

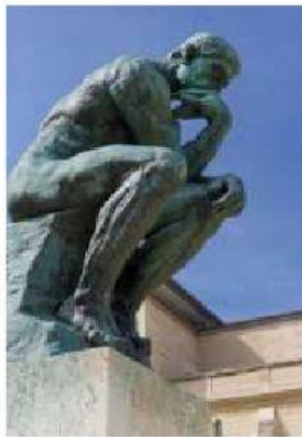
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26. Recent experiments have shown that as few as 18 people could, with strong ropes and a bit of practice, easily maneuver a 1,000 kg statue a few hundred meters.

TRUE FALSE NOT GIVEN

27. Rapa Nui was always grassland.

TRUE FALSE NOT GIVEN

28. Archaeologists agree that Easter Island lost its lush forests and that it was an “ecological catastrophe.”

TRUE FALSE NOT GIVEN

29. Hunt and Lipo believe that moving the moai required few people and no wood, because they were walked upright.

TRUE FALSE NOT GIVEN

30. The figures’ fat bellies tilted them forward, and a D-shaped base allowed handlers to roll and rock them side to side.

TRUE FALSE NOT GIVEN