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 Raruku 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**