

THE LOST CIVILIZATION



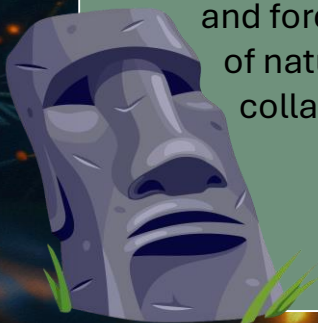
The mysterious island of Rapa Nui is one of the most interesting places in the world. It is believed that the first people, about 300 of them, came around the 7th century from a distant island called Hiva, about 3400 kilometers away following the winds and ocean currents with canoes.

One of the most famous things on the island are the Moai statues. These are giant stone statues that can weigh between 5 and 80 tons. There are hundreds of them all over the island. But the big question is: how did they move these huge statues?

At first, people thought they used tree trunks to roll the statues. Truth is, the Moai "walked." By tying ropes around the statues, three groups of people could make the Moai move by rocking them back and forth, like walking.

The people of Rapa Nui did great things, even though they lived on a small island with few resources. But as time went on, the population grew too much, with over 10,000 people living there. They needed more resources, which led to cutting down many trees. Without enough trees, they couldn't even make canoes to fish. This caused hunger and fighting.

After this hard time, the island's society started to recover. But then European explorers arrived, bringing diseases that killed many people and forcing the locals into slavery. The biggest lesson is to take care of natural resources. If we don't, even a successful society can collapse.



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QUESTIONS

- 1- How many people came to the island first?
 - a) 200
 - b) 10.000
 - c) 300
 - d) 3.500

- 2- What did they use to travel across the ocean?
 - a) canoes
 - b) ships
 - c) boats
 - d) planes

- 3- How did they move the Moais from one point to another?
 - a) Using ropes
 - b) Using tree trucks
 - c) Using a car
 - d) Pushing the statues

- 4- What was the peak of people living in the island?
 - a) 200
 - b) 10.000
 - c) 300
 - d) 3.500

- 5- Which one of these reasons did not contribute to the collapse?
 - a) Lack of resources
 - b) War
 - c) Diseases
 - d) Traffic accidents

