



Easter island. Polynesian islands

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The background is a solid light green color with a subtle gradient. Scattered across the background are numerous white butterfly silhouettes of various sizes and orientations, some appearing as faint outlines and others as more solid shapes.

Key questions!!

How did societies change?

- *In 700-1000 c. e. Rapanui and native Polynesians from marquises islands settled on the island.*
- *In 1000-1450 moai statues were carved and was still standing in 1722.*
- *In 1722 on April 5th (Easter Sunday) a Dutch navigator Jacob roggeveen arrived and named the island Easter island.*

What key beliefs and values emerged and how did they influence societies?

- *The people on Easter island believe in that there is a rain god and a landscape god and so on. It has changed the way they think about the whole world and life.*

What were the causes and effects of contact between societies in this time period?

- *When the Dutch came to Easter island in 1722 the people who already had their own beliefs about the world and god The Dutch made them believe in the Christian god and how god made the world in 7 days. The Dutch mad them speak English and they destroyed the island.*

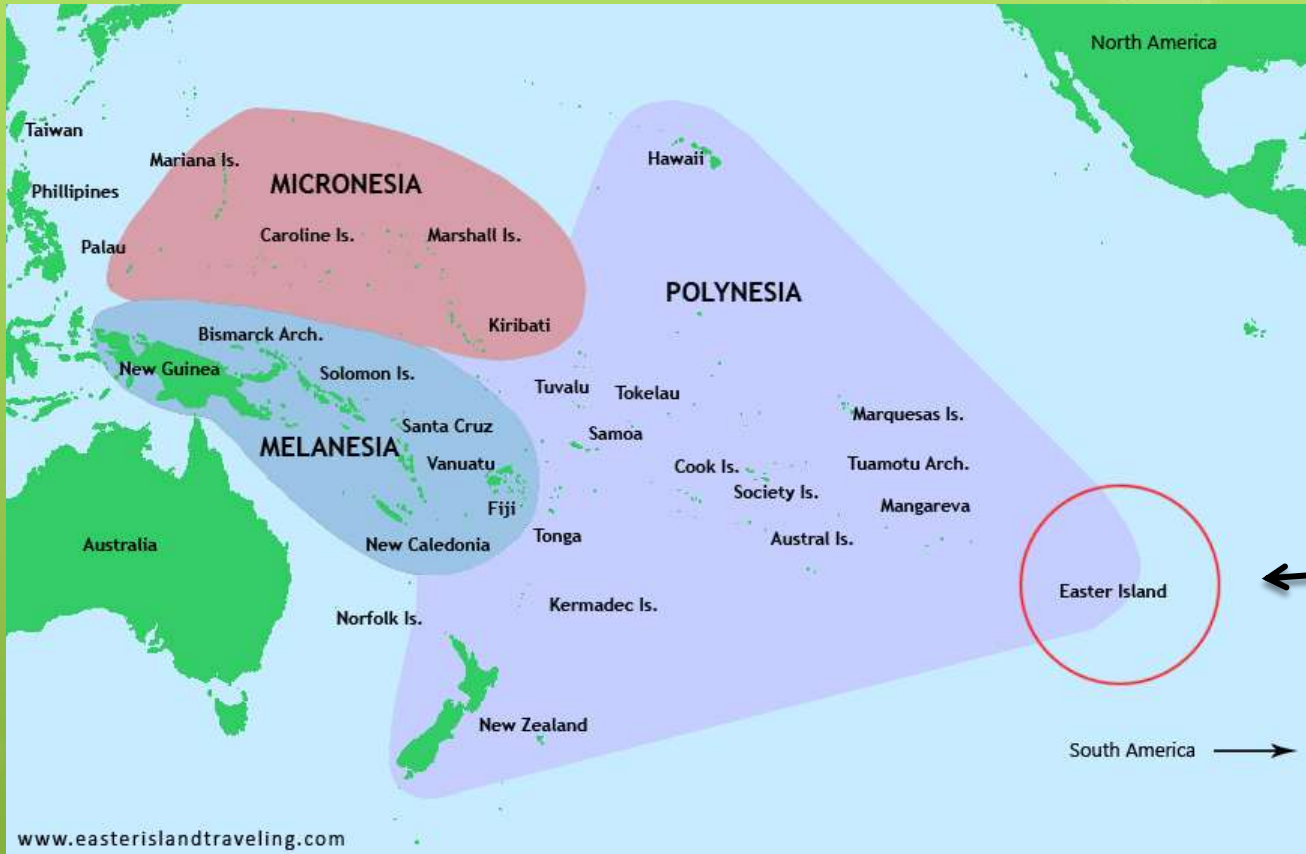
Which significant people, groups, and ideas from this period have influenced us today?

- *One of the significant changes was the moai statues being carved. Today they are a big tourist attraction. People travel miles to see the amazing part of history. The second one is the Dutch visited.*

Thor Heyerdahl.

- *His theory of Polynesians origins never gained acceptance among the anthropologists. Physical and cultural evidence had long suggested that Polynesia was settled from west to east, migration having began from the Asian mainland not south America. In the 1990's genetic testing found that DNA of Polynesians is more similar to people from South East Asia than to people from south America. Easter islanders are of Polynesian descent. thor was interested in anthropology for a carer.*

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My own key questions

Why were the moai statues carved?



The moai statues were built mainly because of the religious and cultural beliefs.

Who carved the moai statues???



*The moai statues were
carved by Rapa nui people.
Between 700-1000.*

Polynesian facts.

- Did you know that in Polynesia adoption was common.*
- There are many active volcano's in the Polynesia area.*
- In 1898 Hawaii was taken over by united states.*



That's all Folks!