



History Detectives

Explore the history of taken Rapanui heritage

7. The Hoa Hakananai'a ('lost or stolen one') moai

Requirements: access to the internet for British Museum 'Recalling Home: a soundscape offering for Rapanui treasures' film

Working style: individually and as a class

Curriculum: Geography (islands, countries and continents); History (world civilisations); English (oracy); Arts and Design (listening to soundscapes); Citizenship (sharing opinions; thinking about cultural perspectives)

Time: 20 minutes

Hoa Hakananai'a is a famous moai stone statue taken from Rapa Nui (Easter Island) 150 years ago and brought to the British Museum in London, where it remains on display today. Rapanui artists have worked with the British Museum to **create this soundscape** acting as a bridge between Rapa Nui and the Museum. Listen to 10 minutes of the soundscape 'Recalling Home' (scroll down on the web page to the recording and play), and make a list of some of the sounds you hear as you are listening.

Discuss your thoughts about whether Hoa Hakananai'a should remain at the British Museum or return to its original Island home?