



Introducing Taken Rapanui Heritage

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Rapa Nui (Easter Island) is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Taken Rapanui Heritage is a cross-curricular programme supporting learning about world civilisations via history, geography, science, English, maths, computing, art, and citizenship.

It provides an in-depth case study of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) through the lens of local (indigenous) heritage taken from the Island by foreign expeditions of empire and now scattered in museum collections across the world.

These artefacts are separated from their context of home and the descendants of the people who made them and gave them meaning, raising questions for discussion that relate to UN Sustainable Development Goals.

*EarthMuseum collaborated with **Cristian Moreno Pakarati** and the **Rapanui Pioneers Society** on Rapa Nui (Easter Island) to develop this programme and create resources that develop knowledge and inspire debate.*



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The programme consists of 30 x 20-minute learning activities for use individually or combined to create single lesson plans/ learning programmes run over several weeks.

Summary Map of Learning Activities and UN SDG Mapping

These activities are designed for engagement with 7-14-year-olds.

Learners become:

History Detectives – searching Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and the world's museum collections for clues about taken Rapanui heritage.

Geographers and Scientists – examining the geography and science behind the Island's unique story

NB: 'Rapa Nui' is the name of the Island, and 'Rapanui' is the name of the people and culture on the Island.

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Introductory Films

Taken Rapanui Heritage: Introduction Film (1.5 minutes)

*Class watch together or individually as an introduction to the learning programme. Combine with a KWL discussion at the outset of your learning (What you **Know**; **Want** to Know) and KWL discussion at suitable end of programme block (What you've **Learned**).*

Introducing Rapa Nui (Easter Island): a short introduction to Rapa Nui (Easter Island) by Cristian Moreno Pakarati (8 minutes)

Teacher Introduction: When using our learning programme for the first time, you may find it useful to view this film first. (9 minutes)