The_Dutch_Explorer

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ABOUT ME



My name is Jacob Roggeveen and I am a Dutch explorer!

At the moment, I am leading the journey to find Terra Australis.

I also want to help Europe begin trading with the Spice Islands.

Follow my blog to stay up to date with my exciting travels.

The Discovery of Easter Island!

Posted 5th April 1722, 9:58pm

Today was the best day of my life! I have never felt so happy and excited. I have discovered an island!

As you may have read in my last blog, we left the Juan Fernández Islands on 17th March. The plan was to keep looking for Terra Australis.

Today, just as we were wishing each other a happy Easter, we saw land! I told the crew to steer towards it. We couldn't believe our eyes!



The island has 800 or 900 of these huge, stone statues. We think they must be about 30 feet tall!



Section A

- 1. What type of text is this?
- 2. How would you feel if you discovered an island?
- 3. Did The_Dutch_Explorer travel alone?
- 4. How many people commented on the blog?

Section B

- 5. What country do you think 'Terra Australis' is?
- 6. What does 'farewell' mean?
- 7. When did The_Dutch_Explorer set off on his adventure?
- What day of the week was it on 5th April 1722?

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We sailed around the small island and it is in the shape of a triangle.



When we got onto the land, we started to explore. There are about 3,000 people living here altogether.

As it is Easter Sunday today, it was very easy naming this beautiful place. Welcome to Easter Island everybody!

We are hoping to spend a week here to learn more about this amazing island. Keep posted for more information soon!

COMMENTS



The_Dutch_West_India_Company 5th April 1722, 10:04pm

We are so delighted about the news! We can't wait for you to find Terra Australis but this is incredible. Well done to you and the crew!



The_Dutch_Explorer replied 5th April 1722, 10:23pm
Thank you for your kind words! I have passed your message on to the crew.
Thank you so much for sponsoring us!



Jan_Roggeveen 5th April 1722, 10:36pm

Wow! I am so proud of you, bro! I am so honoured to have planned the expedition with you. All of our hard work is paying off! I wish I could be there. Happy Easter!

Section C

- 9. Which islands did The_Dutch_Explorer leave on 17th March 1722?
- 10. Who did The_Dutch_Explorer reply to?
- 11. Who sponsored the voyage?
- 12. Who planned the voyage with Jacob?

Section D

- 13. What does 'discovery' mean?
- 14. Did The_Dutch_Explorer know that the heads are 30 feet tall?
- 15. Is it possible that Jacob blogged about his discovery?
- 16. What does 'expedition' mean?