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No two countries in the Polynesian region share the same geography or history. For this task, you are to pick one of the Polynesian countries listed below and conduct research into its environment and the history of exploration that has occurred there.

- Cook Islands
- Easter Island (Rapa Nui)
- Hawaii
- New Zealand
- Samoa
- Tahiti
- Tonga

1. Describe the main geographical features of the country, including the size of the island(s) making up the country and whether they are volcanic or coral in origin.

2. Provide a brief history of the country, commenting on when it was first occupied and any western exploration of the island(s).





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3. Discuss how the environment of the country impacts the way of life for its inhabitants.

4. If you were to meet somebody from this island, what questions would you ask about what makes it unique?

5. Pair up with a classmate who has researched a different country with a different geological origin to yours (i.e. if you studied a country with a volcanic origin, find a partner who looked at a country with a coral origin). Compare and contrast the two countries using a Venn diagram or another type of graphical organiser of your choice.

