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Understanding the U.S. Role in Puerto Rico

Instructions: Answer the following questions based on what you learned in the reading, “After Hurricane Maria: The U.S. Role in Puerto Rico.” Be ready to discuss with your classmates.

1. a. List two ways a U.S. territory is similar to a U.S. state.

b. List two ways a U.S. territory is different from a U.S. state.
2. What is the job of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)?
3. When and how did Puerto Rico become a U.S. territory?
4. List two results of the Jones-Shafroth Act of 1917.
5. Why do some people say that residents of Puerto Rico are treated as second-class citizens by the U.S. government?
6. Based on the information you have read, do you agree with the statement that Puerto Rico’s status is similar to the status of a U.S. colony? Why or why not?