

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.

- List two ways a U.S. territory is similar to a U.S. state.
 - List two ways a U.S. territory is different from a U.S. state.
- What is the job of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)?
- When and how did Puerto Rico become a U.S. territory?
- List two results of the Jones-Shafroth Act of 1917.
- Why do some people say that residents of Puerto Rico are treated as second-class citizens by the U.S. government?
- 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?