**Topic:** C: The Caribbean  
**Subject(s):** Social Studies

**Key Learning:**  
The Caribbean's geography, history, and mix of diverse cultures continue to influence the world today.

**Unit Essential Question(s):**  
What is unique about the Caribbean's geography, history, and culture?

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<td>What are the main physical geographical features of the Caribbean? (A)</td>
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<td>How has geography influenced lifestyles of the people living in the Caribbean? (A)</td>
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**Vocabulary:**  
Archipelago

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**Concept:**
Current Issues in the Caribbean  
7.3.B.E, 8.4.B.C, 9.4.B.E

**Lesson Essential Question(s):**
- How have people of the Caribbean been impacted by extreme natural disasters? (A)
- What role should the U.S. and other nations play in assisting the countries of the Caribbean? (A)
- What is the current relationship between Puerto Rico and the U.S.? What three options can Puerto Ricans consider for their future relationship with the U.S.? (A)

**Vocabulary:**

**Additional Information:**
- Text - Chapter 11.1, 11.3 - Review
- 12.4 - Touch on independence/history
- 13.2 - Culture
- 15 (all) - focus on the countries
- [worldhistorymatters.org](http://worldhistorymatters.org/) - Primary sources from World History
- [http://www.eyewitnesshistory.com/avindex.htm](http://www.eyewitnesshistory.com/avindex.htm) - Primary sources

**Attached Document(s):**
- Haiti Earthquake 2010 PowerPoint
- Caribbean Vocabulary Warm-Up Sheet

| Cause and Effect | Fish Bone Cause Effect |
Concept: Physical Geography of the Caribbean

Archipelago -

Concept: History of the Caribbean

Embargo -
Western Hemisphere Vocabulary Warm Up
Caribbean

Week 1
Toussaint L'Ouverture - former slave who helped banish slavery from Haiti
Jean-Bertrand Aristide - former president of Haiti
ethnic group - a group of people who share the same ancestry, language, religion, or culture (good time to discuss diversity)
carnival (n) - a lively annual celebration just before Lent in Latin America

Week 2
Leeward - a group of smaller eastern Caribbean island also known as the Lesser Antilles
Windward - a group of 4 continental islands (5 countries) located in the Northern Caribbean Sea also known as the Greater Antilles
illiterate - unable to read and write
Ally - a country joined to another country for a special purpose

Week 3
Exile - a person who leaves his or her homeland for another country, often for political reasons
Refugee - person who leaves his or her homeland to protect personal safety and escape persecution
Fidel Castro, Raul Castro - brothers who were leaders in Cuba's Communist government
Embargo - illiterate: not being able to read :: literate: able to read
(Def)

Week 4
Concept: History of Middle America
Creole - a person of mixed African and European descent, in Haiti, a language that mixes French and African languages
Francois Duvalier and Jean-Claude Duvalier - father and son dictators who ruled cruelly and stole government funds for personal use also known as Doc and Baby Doc
Constitution - a statement of a country's basic laws and values
Commonwealth - a self-governing political unit that has strong ties to a particular country (review what a citizen is a person with certain rights and responsibilities under a particular government)

Fidel Castro: communism :: George Washington: democracy