

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

Days: 30
 Grade(s): 6th

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?

Concept: Physical Geography of the Caribbean <small>7.2.6.A, 7.1.6.B</small>	Concept: History of the Caribbean <small>7.3.6.D, 7.3.6.E, 8.1.6.A, 8.1.6.C, 8.4.6.A, 8.4.6.B, 8.4.6.C, 8.4.6.D</small>	Concept: Culture of the Caribbean <small>7.3.6.A, 7.3.6.B, 7.3.6.C</small>
Lesson Essential Question(s): How were the islands of the Caribbean formed? (A) What are the main physical geographical features of the Caribbean? (A) How has geography influenced lifestyles of the people living in the Caribbean? (A) How do the natural resources of the region affect their economy? (A) How do the lack of natural resources affect their economy? (A)	Lesson Essential Question(s): How did Haiti inspire revolutions in the western hemisphere? (A) How have dictators shaped life in Haiti? (A) How has Cuba been shaped by Castro and his vision of communism? (A) Why have Cubans tried to leave Cuba? What has been the impact? (A) How has the relationship between Cuba and the United States evolved? (ET) What event leads to Puerto Rico becoming a commonwealth of the United States? (A) How are the people of Puerto Rico both American and Puerto Rican? (A)	Lesson Essential Question(s): What different ethnic groups make up the people of the Caribbean? (A) Why is there a vast amount of cultural diversity in the Caribbean? (A) How have the different cultures of the Caribbean blended to influence celebrations, music, and food? (A) (A)
Vocabulary: Archipelago	Vocabulary: Embargo	Vocabulary:

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Concept:

Current Issues in the Caribbean

7.3.6.E, 5.4.6.C, 5.4.6.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

<http://worldhistorymatters.org/> - Primary sources from World History

<http://www.eyewitnesshistory.com/evindx.htm> - Primary sources

Attached Document(s):

Haiti Earthquake 2010 PowerPoint

Caribbean Vocabulary Warm-Up Sheet

Cause and
Effect

Fish Bone Cause
Effect

Vocab Report for Topic: C: The Caribbean
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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

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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

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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 Communistic 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
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