



AP Human Geography

Problems of American Territories

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Directions: Watch the Last Week Tonight Episode covering U.S. Territories (linked on the website) and answer the following questions.

1. What is the original legal basis for the decision to prevent the people of the United States' territories from full citizenship?
2. How is Puerto Rico connected to the United States, but then still treated as second class citizens?
3. How are territorial citizens different than full citizens in terms of representation and voting rights?
4. How are the American Citizens of Guam mistreated yet trying to exercise their rights as American Citizens?
5. How are the people of American Samoa especially mistreated in their status as an American territory?

Thought Question:

1. What is the biggest argument for granting citizens of US Territories full legal rights and protection? Explain your answer.
2. Use the internet to find 5 reasons why the United States has not granted full admission as a state to Puerto Rico.