Social Studies

Brunswick School Department Grade 6 Puerto Rico

Essential Understandings	 The culture of Puerto Rico has developed from the blending of Spanish, African, and American influences along with the political decisions made by its leaders over time.
Essential Questions	 What factors influence Puerto Rican culture? What is Puerto Rico's relationship with the United States? What are the three political options facing Puerto Rico's people and government?
Essential Knowledge	 There are benefits and drawbacks of commonwealth, statehood, and nationhood for Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is presently a commonwealth of the United States. Spain, Africa, and the U.S have influenced Puerto Rican culture.
Vocabulary	 <u>Places</u>: San Juan <u>Terms</u>: citizen, commonwealth, statehood, nationhood, constitution
Essential Skills	 Compare and contrast commonwealth, statehood, and nationhood. Explain how Spain, Africa, and the U.S have influenced Puerto Rican culture.
Related Maine Learning Results	 <u>Social Studies</u> <u>Civics and Government</u> A. Rights, Responsibilities, and Participation 5. Explain the functions of and relationships among local, state, and national governments.
Sample Lessons And Activities	 Read and discuss <u>Prentice Hall World Explorer</u>, Chapter 5. Make a chart explaining the pros and cons of commonwealth, statehood, and nationhood. Have a debate about what Puerto Rico should do in terms of their government.
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	 Complete <u>Prentice Hall World Explorer</u>, Chapter 5 unit test. Complete a section quiz.
Sample Resources	 <u>Publications</u>: <u>Prentice Hall World Explorer</u>, Chapter 5 <u>Videos</u>: <u>Prentice Hall DVD</u>
Technology Link	http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum