

EL CARIBE

The Caribbean

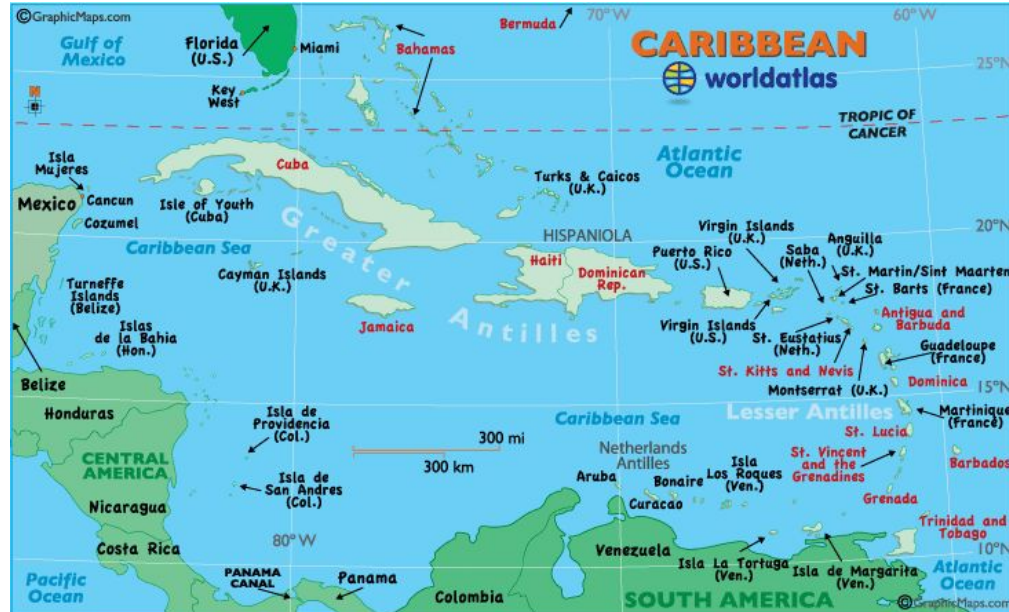
QUICK WRITE:

WHAT COUNTRIES ARE IN THE CARIBBEAN?
WHICH OF THESE SPEAK SPANISH? WHAT DO
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CARIBBEAN? HAVE
YOU EVER BEEN TO THE CARIBBEAN? IF
NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO?

PAISES HISPANOHABLANTES (SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES)

- Cuba
- La República Dominicana
- Puerto Rico

All three countries
have red, white,
and blue flags!



PUERTO RICO



- Puerto Rico has been a territory of the US since 1898, and therefore has acquired many of our customs. Most of the citizens speak English and Spanish, or a mix, Spanglish.
- Under a proposed “Commonwealth” government, Puerto Rico can ignore federal laws, sign treaties with foreign countries, and receive federal funding with no strings attached, all while possessing irrevocable U.S. citizenship and forcing the U.S. to maintain Puerto Rican policies it may no longer want by mandating a “mutual consent” clause in an initial U.S.-Puerto Rico pact.
- Christmas is a big deal for Puerto Ricans – Their Christmas season lasts from November 23rd until the end of January! They celebrate the Epiphany or Three Kings Day, on the 3rd of January where they get together with their family and exchange gifts again.

CUBA



- Cuba's cultural influences come mainly from Africa, France, and Spain
- Cuba has a socialist economy, meaning that people believe that the wealth of the nation is shared and that everyone benefits from the economy as a whole. Private property and private wealth are uncommon.
- Cuba is the closest Spanish-speaking Caribbean Island to the US - it is only 485 miles from the tip of Florida

LA REPUBLICA DOMINICANA



- The culture of the Dominican Republic originates from European countries, African countries, and the native inhabitants, the Taino Indians.
- Baseball is the most popular sport in the Dominican, and many MLB recruiters look in the Dominican for their talent.
- The Dominicans celebrate Carnival (what we call Mardi Gras) each year with parades, floats, and other celebrations.
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- La Republica Dominicana shares an island with the nation of Haiti. This shared island is called Hispaniola.

