American Territories

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.
**Puerto Rico**

1. What is the current problem facing Puerto Rico? How are they looking for help from the United States Federal Government?

2. How has the United States taken advantage of Puerto Rico in the past?

3. What barriers are there to the recovery of Puerto Rico?

4. What is Puerto Rico doing to try to improve their situation?

**Thought Question:**

1. Would Puerto Rico be better off gaining independence, staying in their current situation, or becoming a full state of the United States? Support your statement using evidence from the videos or additional outside resources.