

# WHY PUERTO RICO IS NOT A US STATE



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Class: 1ère STL | Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sequence 1: The American Anglophone World — 1ère STL

**Objective:** Understand Puerto Rico's unique political status and link it to the theme *The American Anglophone World* (Video by Vox - 3 min 35).

## STEP 1: BEFORE WATCHING

1. Look at the title and tick (✓) the correct answer:

Puerto Rico is:

- ☐ A US state (like California or Florida)
- ☐ A US territory (a special territory belonging to the USA)

## STEP 2: VIEWING & LISTENING

### Part 1: Puerto Ricans and the USA (00:25 – 01:00)

2. Circle the correct percentage:

When Hurricane Maria hit, [ 26% | 36% | 56% ] of Americans didn't know that Puerto Ricans are US citizens.

3. Complete the table with the missing information:

**Wordbox:** President • US military • US citizenship

| Puerto Ricans HAVE...          | Puerto Ricans CAN...    | Puerto Ricans CANNOT...    |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| • American passport &<br>_____ | • Serve in the<br>_____ | • Vote for the US<br>_____ |

### Part 2: History & Limitations (01:00 – 02:00)

4. How did Puerto Rico become a US territory?

- ☐ After the Spanish-American War in 1898
- ☐ After World War II in 1945
- ☐ After buying the land from Denmark

5. Puerto Rico sends 1 representative to the US Congress in Washington. What is their limitation?

- ☐ They cannot speak English.
- ☐ They cannot vote on laws.
- ☐ They can only stay for one year.

### Part 3: The Future of Puerto Rico (02:00 – End)

6. Why is it difficult for Puerto Rico to become the 51st US state?

- ☐ Because Puerto Ricans do not want it.
- ☐ Because the US Congress must approve it.

7. Match the 2 political opinions in Puerto Rico:

|                            |                                                         |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Statehood advocates     | • A. Want Puerto Rico to stay a commonwealth territory. |
| 2. Commonwealth supporters | • B. Want Puerto Rico to become a full US state.        |

Answers: 1 → \_\_\_\_\_ | 2 → \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 3: AFTER WATCHING & SYNTHESIS

**8. Match each key word with its French translation:**

|                      |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>A. Territory</b>  | <b>1. Citoyen américain</b>        |
| <b>B. US Citizen</b> | <b>2. Référendum / Vote public</b> |
| <b>C. Referendum</b> | <b>3. Territoire américain</b>     |
| <b>D. Statehood</b>  | <b>4. Statut d'État américain</b>  |

**Answers:** A → \_\_\_\_\_ | B → \_\_\_\_\_ | C → \_\_\_\_\_ | D → \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Recap sentence (Fill in the blanks with the words from the box):**

**Wordbox:** territory • vote • citizens • military

"Puerto Ricans are US \_\_\_\_\_, they can serve in the US \_\_\_\_\_,  
but they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ for the US President because Puerto Rico is a  
\_\_\_\_\_, not a state."