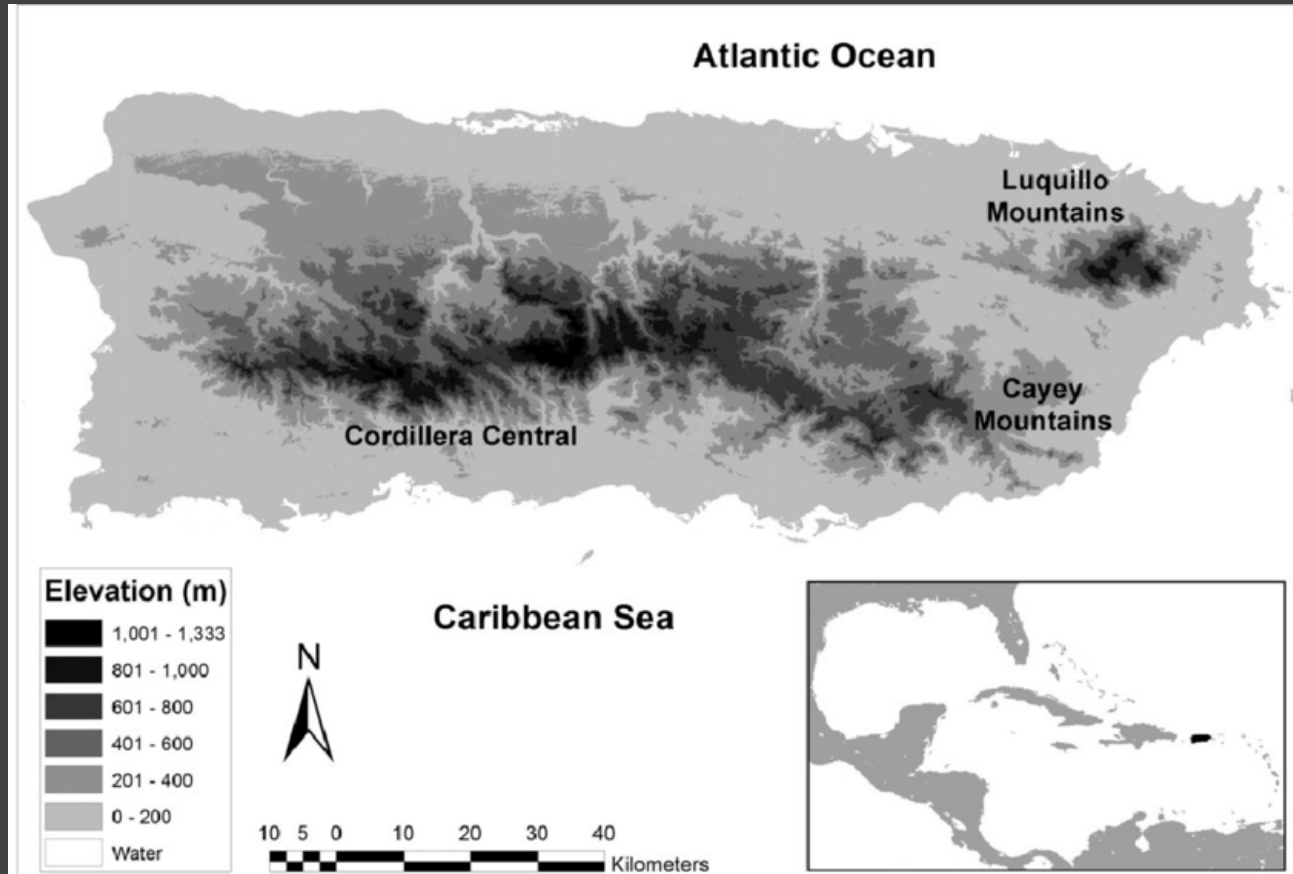




# Puerto Rico

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# Where is your country?



- The deepest point in the Atlantic Ocean (Milwaukee Depth) which lies within Puerto Rico's trench (Depth 27,493).
- Puerto Rico is between the Caribbean and between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean.
- Puerto Rico territory is very mountainous (60%) except on the regional coast. One of the best parts of Puerto Rico is the variety of physical geography for example, rainforests, beaches, deserts, oceans.
- Puerto Rico is one of the third largest countries in the United States and the 82<sup>nd</sup> largest islands in the world.
- Puerto Rico has 3 main geography regions: the mountainous interior, the coastal lowlands, the rocky mountainous interior.

# What are some interesting facts about its history?

- The first group at Puerto Rico was Taino they were a group of people that lived on the island 1,000 years before Spanish arrive.
- In 1493 Christopher Columbus claimed Puerto Rico for Spain he named it San Juan Bautista (St. John the baptist) but was eventually changed to Puerto Rico (rich port) and San Juan became capital city.
- There were many interactions between the native Taino, Spanish, African culture. These culture are seen in modern day Puerto Rico.
- The Taino people began to die out in the 16<sup>th</sup> century because of an infections disease carried by Europeans, Spanish settlers, warfare.
- In 1908 during the Spanish-American war, Puerto Rico was invaded and claimed by United States.
- When Christopher Columbus there were an estimated 30-60 thousands Taino's led by a chief "Agveybana"



# What are some interesting facts about its culture?



- Puerto Rico culture is a blend of Taino and Spanish settlers, African culture.
- During the 18<sup>th</sup> century early Spanish settlers and Taino native became married. Later on African slaves were imported to help with farming and building roads. Followed by the importation of Chinese immigrants then continued with the arrival of Italians, French, German, Lebanese people.
- The most significant new immigrant population was in 1960 when thousands of Cubans fled from Fidel Castro's Communist state.
- Puerto Rico's food reflects strong Spanish, African American influence. When Christopher Columbus came to Puerto Rico he introduced meat, rice, wheat, oil product.
- Puerto Rico celebrates the birthday of Eugenio Maria de Hostos this birthday is on the second Monday of January this official holiday of the people . If you don't know who he is he was a writer, statesman, he also fought for independence, he was also an educator, philosopher, lawyer, sociologist . He was an advocate for ending slavery in the late 1800.

# What do you like best about this country?



- Why do I like Puerto Rico? I like Puerto Rico because it has a lot of different physical geography like rainforest, desert, beaches, caves, etc. I also like how it has a very mixed culture for example Spanish, Chinese, African American, Italian, French, German. I also like how the agriculture is very unique because they have Spanish colonial, neo-classical, medieval style, etc. Another thing I like about Puerto Rico is there cuisine, Puerto Rico traditional cuisine can be traced back to the original people.

# How does Fishers Junior High benefit from having families from this country as a part of our school and community?



- FJH needs Puerto Rico as a country because having all of these cultures in our school creates diversity. Diversity is important in schools because it gives different opinions about different subjects. It also allows people to experience different heritages and cultures. Puerto Rico is important to FJH because people from Puerto Rico or relatives from Puerto Rico can share history and facts about Puerto Rico. Having different countries in our community can allow people to see into others peoples cultures, also gives people a chance to see other people heritage and reflect on how it is different than other people.



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