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**U.S. Territory Research**

**Instructions:** Currently, there are sixteen territories of the United States, five of which are permanently inhabited: [Puerto Rico](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rico), [Guam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guam), [Northern Mariana Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Mariana_Islands), the [U.S. Virgin Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Virgin_Islands), and [American Samoa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Samoa). Ten territories are small islands, atolls and reefs, spread across the Caribbean and Pacific, with no native or permanent populations: [Palmyra Atoll](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palmyra_Atoll), [Baker Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baker_Island), [Howland Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howland_Island), [Jarvis Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jarvis_Island), [Johnston Atoll](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnston_Atoll), [Kingman Reef](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingman_Reef), [Wake Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wake_Island), [Midway Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midway_Islands), [Navassa Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navassa_Island) and [Serranilla Bank](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serranilla_Bank). Select one of the listed territories above and complete the following information regarding your territory.

1. Which territory did you select?
2. Explain the major differences between a territory and a state.
3. Be specific, where on the globe is your territory located?
4. Copy and paste an image of your territory in the space below.
5. What is the total area in square miles of your territory?
6. What is the population of your territory?

**\*If your territory has a population from question 6 complete the following bullet points.**

* Are the population considered U.S. citizens? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Do they pay taxes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Can they vote in elections? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Can the elect members to congress? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the capital of the territory? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. What is the main economic interest or export of your territory?
2. Does your territory have a military purpose for the United States? Are their currently or previously been U.S. military bases on the territory?
3. When did the United States acquire your territory?
4. How did they acquire it?
5. Does the Unites States provide any services or benefits to your territory?
6. Briefly describe the history of your territory?
7. If your territory wanted to be granted statehood, what steps would need to be taken?