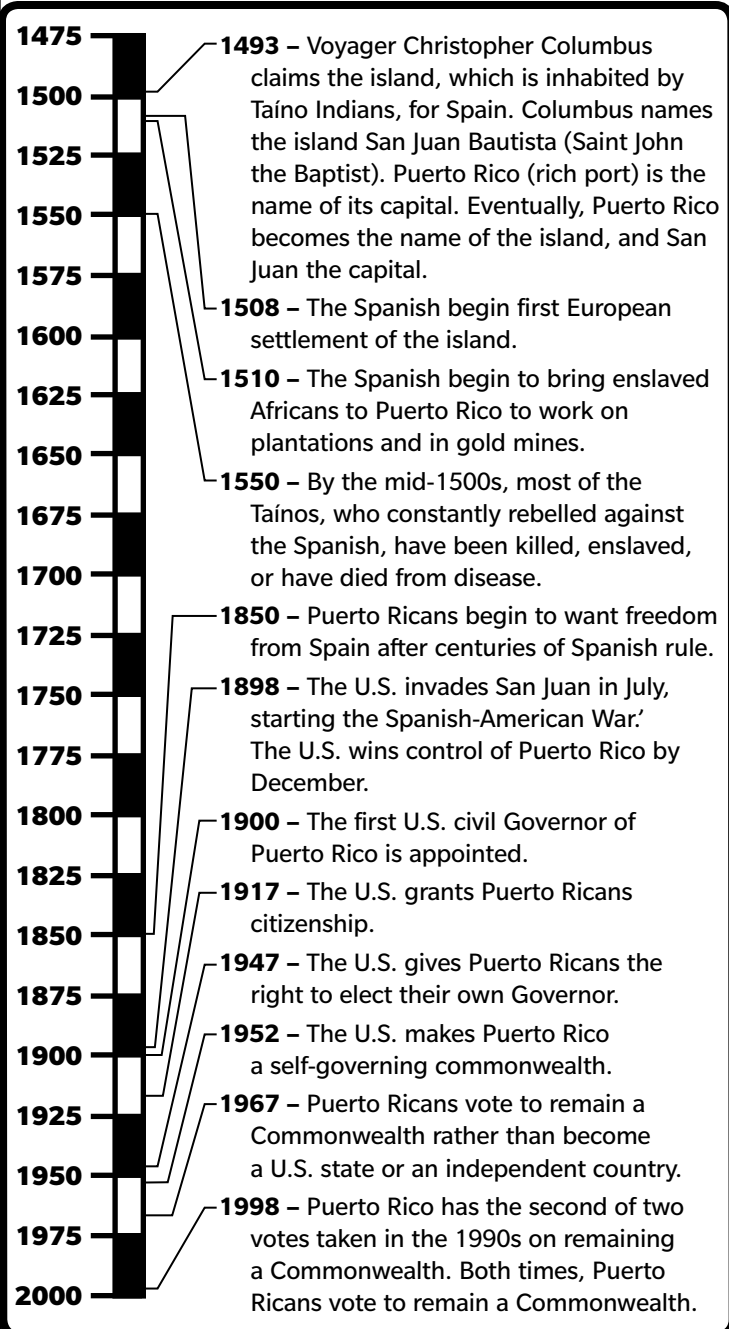
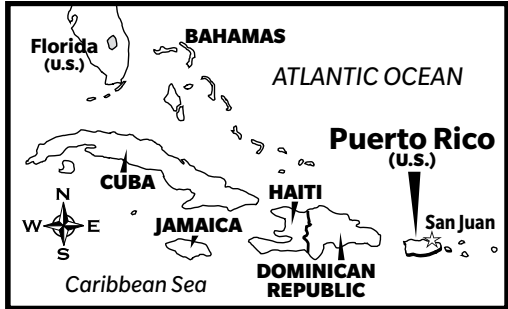


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# An Island's History

Justice Sonia Sotomayor is the first Hispanic to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, the nation's highest court. Sotomayor was born in New York City, but her family came to New York from Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is a U.S. Commonwealth located in the Caribbean Sea. A Commonwealth is a territory that is able to govern itself. All of Puerto Rico's residents, as well as those who come to the U.S. mainland, are U.S. citizens. This timeline shows key events in the history of Puerto Rico.



- 1. What European country claimed Puerto Rico in 1493?**

Ⓐ The United States      Ⓒ Spain  
Ⓑ England                      Ⓓ France
- 2. In what year did Puerto Ricans get the right to elect their own Governor?**

Ⓐ 1898                              Ⓒ 1917  
Ⓑ 1900                              Ⓓ 1947
- 3. From reading the timeline, the reader knows that which of the following events occurred first?**

Ⓐ Columbus landed on what is now Puerto Rico.  
Ⓑ The Taíno Indians established a homeland on what is now Puerto Rico.  
Ⓒ Puerto Ricans elected their own Governor.  
Ⓓ The U.S. invaded San Juan at the start of the Spanish-American War.
- 4. How did the U.S. gain possession of Puerto Rico?**

Ⓐ Through a vote by the citizens of Puerto Rico  
Ⓑ As a result of a war with the Taínos  
Ⓒ By defeating Spain in the Spanish-American War  
Ⓓ By buying the land from the Taínos

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