



Teacher's Notes: Puerto Rico

Page 1: Selena had to go to Puerto Rico. (look at map) Puerto Rico is a small island and it is south of the U.S. Selena was there to film a movie, so she was there for a couple of months. That gave her a chance to look around Puerto Rico when she was not working. Video to see overview of Puerto Rico:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H60pmNZIW7o>

Questions: Where did Selena go to make a movie? Is Puerto Rico an island? Are there beaches in Puerto Rico? Is Selena an actress? Was she in Witches of Waverly Place? Did Selena get to look around Puerto Rico when she was not acting?

Point: USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, cast from Witches of Waverly Place, Selena

Take your **Selena Gomez** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about why Selena Gomez went to Puerto Rico.

Page 2: An island is land that is surrounded by water. Every side of Puerto Rico has a beach. The capital is the city where most of the government things happen. It's a big city. San Juan is the capital of Puerto Rico.

Questions: What is the capital of Puerto Rico? Are there beaches in Puerto Rico? What is San Juan? Is San Juan a city? Is it the capital city?

Point: beach, brown dog, black dog, water.

Take your **Puerto Rico** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about Puerto Rico and the island of Puerto Rico.

Page 3: A lot of the people who live in Puerto Rico are poor. They don't have enough money to buy things that they need. A poor person might not have a car or enough food to eat. Poor people can not afford to spend money on pets. That means that they can't spend their money on pet food because they need to use their money to buy things that they need. Sometimes people say, "I can't afford that". It doesn't always mean that the person is poor. For example, I am not poor, but I can't afford to buy a mansion! I can afford dog food. People who are poor can't afford dog food. See the picture of the cat? That cat needs help. The people in Puerto Rico don't have enough money to help that cat. It is sick. When people have enough money for pets, they take a sick pet to the vet. Look at the dog. It is hungry. It is too skinny.

Questions: Are there a lot of poor people in Puerto Rico? Is everyone poor? If you can't afford something, does that mean it costs too much? Why can't poor people afford to take care of animals? Is the cat in the picture sick? Does it need help? Do dogs need food? Do cats need food? What does this cat need? What does the dog need?

Point: cat, dog, ribs

Take your **poor** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what happens to animals when people are poor.

Page 4: A stray dog is a dog that does not have an owner. A stray dog has to find its own food and water. It does not live with a family. It walks around looking for food. If it is sick, no one takes it to the vet. If it is hungry, no one feeds it. Stray means that the animal has to take care of itself. It is an animal that is supposed to be a pet, but no one owns it. It is not a wild animal. Many people are too poor to take care of dogs. Stray dogs look for food on the ground and in garbage cans. Video on stray dogs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lk8wrkJXNic>

Questions: How do you care for a dog? What do dogs need? How do dogs get exercise? Why don't the dogs have owners? Do some dogs live on the streets? Are some dogs strays? Are there a lot of stray dogs in Puerto Rico?

Point: dog, street, paw, tail, eyes, fur

Take your **stray dog** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about stray dogs.

Page 5: Dogs are not the only animals that are stray. Stray cats are also a problem in Puerto Rico. There are too many of them. No one owns them. They are hungry. Stray cats look around and try to find food on the ground or in garbage cans. **Video of stray cats in Puerto Rico:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O53D1LAr7c0>

Questions: Are there stray cats in Puerto Rico? Are there stray cats in our city? Who feeds stray cats? What happens if a stray cat gets sick? What are the cats in the pictures doing?

Point: ears, mouth, eyes, paws, tail

Take your **stray cat** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about stray cats in Puerto Rico.

Page 6: The stray animals in Puerto Rico surprised Selena Gomez. She loves animals. Even though she has a lot of dogs, she also likes cats. She doesn't want to see any animals being hurt or hungry. She got food for the stray animals and started to see what she could do to help these animals. We have stray animals in the U.S. but Selena was not used to seeing this many. Puerto Rico has a lot of strays.

Questions: How many dogs do you see? How many cats? Are there stray cats in Puerto Rico? Are there stray dogs? Is Puerto Rico an island? Are stray animals hungry? Why?

Pointing: dogs, ears, eyes, nose, cat tail, sidewalk, grass, trees, road

Take your **fed** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about feeding stray dogs and cats in Puerto Rico.

Page 7: Selena wanted to see if some of the puppies could find homes. She knew that most people like to adopt a puppy. She wanted to send them to the U.S. She found a shelter that said that they would take the puppies and find them a home. To get them ready, Selena cleaned them. She wanted them to look and smell nice when they arrived in the U.S. She and her friends cleaned a lot of puppies and put them in a cage and took them to an airport to fly to the U.S. shelters.

Questions: Why did Selena and her friends clean puppies? Where did they send them? Why? Did Selena clean puppies? Did she find them new homes?

Point: bath tub, puppy, crate cage, gloves, soap suds

Take your **puppies** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about how Selena helped the puppies in Puerto Rico.

Page 8: Selena could not keep all of the dogs she found in Puerto Rico, but she did decide to keep one. His name is Chazz. He really loved Selena and followed her around while she was in Puerto Rico. She decided to take him with her when she left and let him live with her and her other dogs. She adopted him. that means he is her dog now.

Questions: What did she name her dog? Why did she adopt him? Where is Chazz from? Is the dog's name Chazz? Do dogs like balls?

Point: dog, nose, ball

Take your **Chazz** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about Selena adopting Chazz.

Page 9: Selena's movie was over and she went home to the U.S. She still helps stray dogs and cats in Puerto Rico. There is an organization that helps stray animals. It's called Island Dogs. Selena helps them raise money to pay for dogs and cats to cut down on how many strays there are by having them spade or neutered. This way there won't be as many kittens or puppies running around as strays. They also try to find homes for strays. Here is a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KM8tUS3Jet4&t=61s>

Questions: What organization does Selena help in Puerto Rico? What does Island Dogs do?

Point: girl with puppy, boy with puppy, vets, cat

Take your **Island Dogs** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about Island Dogs and what they do to help strays.