

# Close-Reading Questions

## "Island of Sorrow"

1. Find places in the article where author Kristin Lewis describes Puerto Rico before Hurricane Maria. Does she describe the island in a mostly positive, neutral, or negative way? Support your answer with text evidence. (tone)
2. Think about what the article would be like if Lewis had not included the descriptions of Puerto Rico before Hurricane Maria. Then explain how her descriptions of pre-hurricane Puerto Rico affect your reaction as you read about the storm's destruction. (author's craft, text structure)
3. On page 7, Lewis writes that Puerto Rico faced special challenges in its recovery: unemployment and poverty, a failing economy, and infrastructure in disrepair. Why would these factors have made the recovery particularly challenging? (inference)

4. On page 7, Lewis writes that dozens of people died during Hurricane Maria and that thousands more died in the weeks and months that followed. Why did so many people die after the storm ended? (central ideas and details, inference)
5. What kind of person is Salvador? Support your answer with details from the article. (inference, text evidence)

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