

Center Director Role: History Culture

- Provide ID2050 instructor and advisor with ideas for class and outside discussions
- Set up BlackBoard site with newspaper and other key information links
- Create an early on-site “bonding” activity
- Be available to advisors and ID2050 instructor

Culture and History Options

- For Prep
 - Provide list of topics for student research and discussion linked to real world issues
- For Site
 - Arrange language training if necessary
 - Overnight field trip to a main cultural attractions
 - Develop a list of main attractions

Costa Rica

- Key presidents and their roles in Costa Rican history and development– Oscar Arias
 - Political philosophy and social impacts
- Main economic forces
- Role of international trade agreements

Puerto Rico

- PR Status and economic issues. What is the meaning of status to economics on the island?
- History of Puerto Rico from discovery until U.S. won it during the Spanish American War.
- History of Spanish American war and Puerto Rico's fate.
- History of US Military involvement on the island.
- Puerto Rico political parties and their differences. What has been their relative strength and how has it changed?
- Famous PR mothers and fathers.
- PR economy from 1930s until 1990.
- Economic incentives from 1990's to the present. How have they worked?