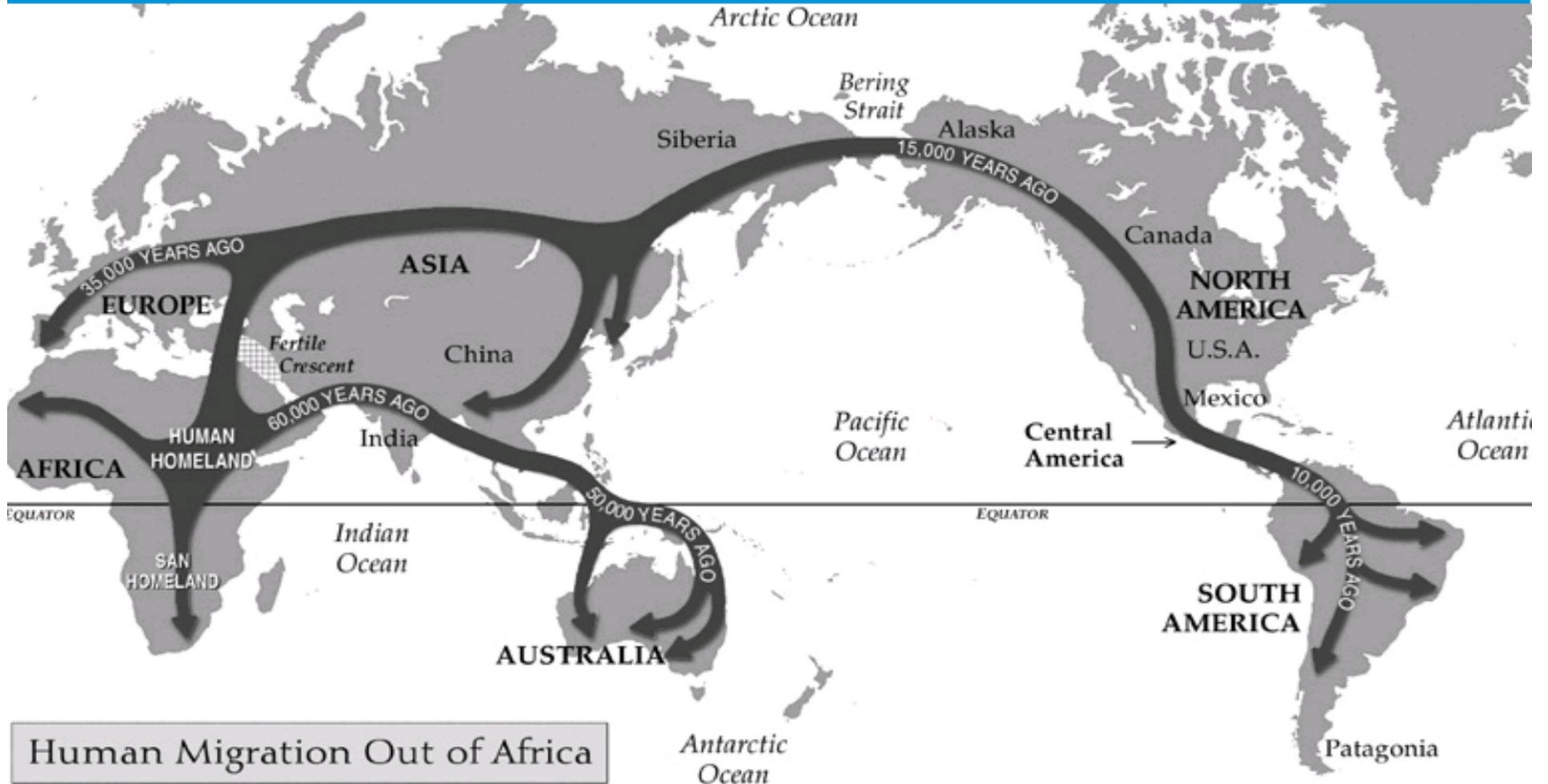


People of the West







Far Northern Native Americans (among others)



Aleut



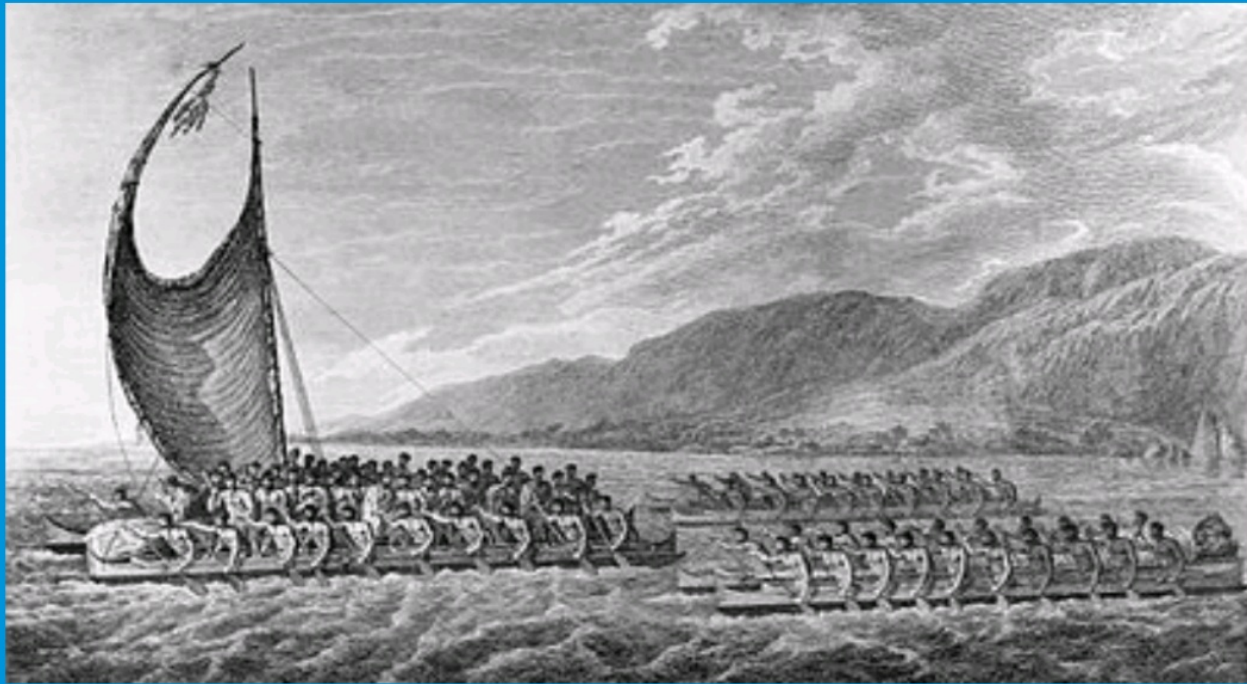
Inuit

Southern American Indian Groups (among others)



Navajo

Polynesians settled Hawaii between 300 and 800 BC



Pueblos



Pueblo Peoples

- Lived in what is now New Mexico
- Used adobe to build homes
- Farmers and hunters
- Built irrigation ditches and dams to control water
- Artistic: Baskets and pottery
- Traded pottery and baskets for salt, food, and animal skins



Tlingit



Tlingit People

- Lived in Southern Alaska
- Hunted and fished for food
- Artists: Blankets and baskets
- Traded seal oil to other groups for furs



Spanish Settlements



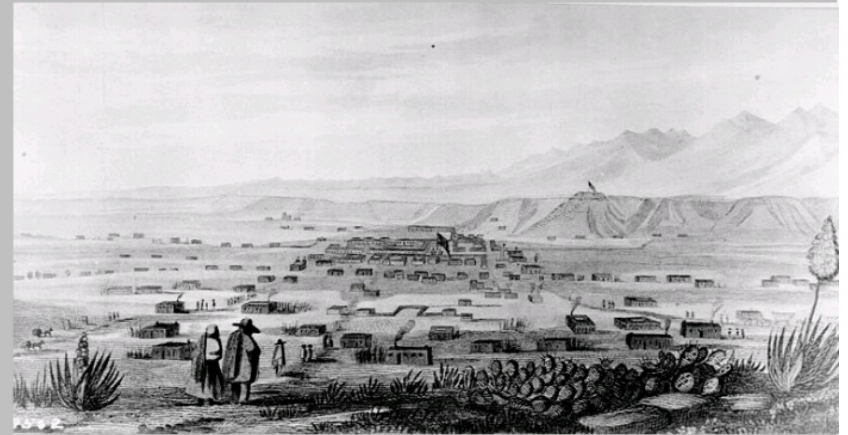
The Spanish

- 1521: Spain conquers the Aztecs and creates New Spain
- Spanish soldiers continue North
- Why?
 - Gold
 - Land
 - Religion



Santa Fe, New Mexico

- 1610
- Oldest capital city in the U.S.



SANTA FE, N.M.
1882.

Problems

- The Spanish wanted to control the land and people in the Americas
- They came into conflict with the Native Americans who lived in the areas they wanted
- Many Native Americans died and some ancient civilizations were almost completely wiped out, like the **Maya**, **Aztecs**, and **Incas**



Missions

- The Spanish wanted the Native Americans to accept Christianity
- Missions were built as centers to teach Christianity to Native Americans
- Many missions became cities: **San Francisco** and **San Diego**





Cultural Influences

- Priests taught the Indians more than religion
- They believed Native Americans should give up their ways and live like Europeans
 - Taught Spanish language
 - Trades (jobs) and crafts
 - Spanish crops like grapes, wheat
 - Spanish animals: sheep, horses, cattle

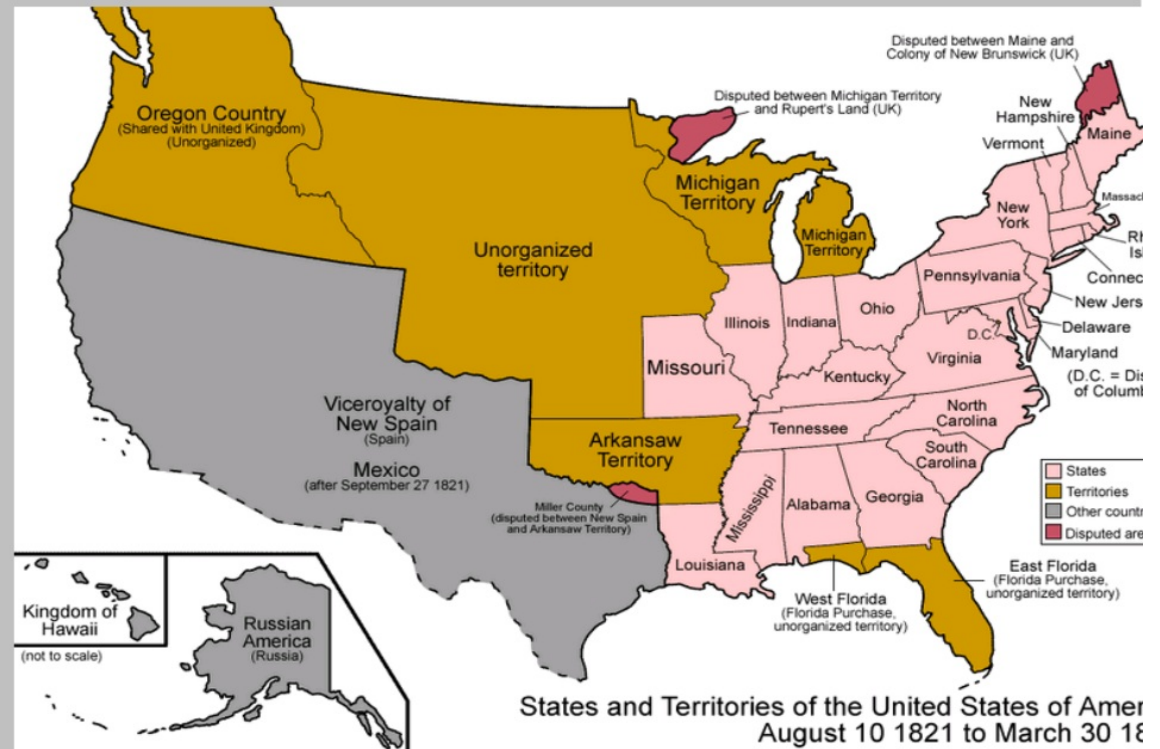


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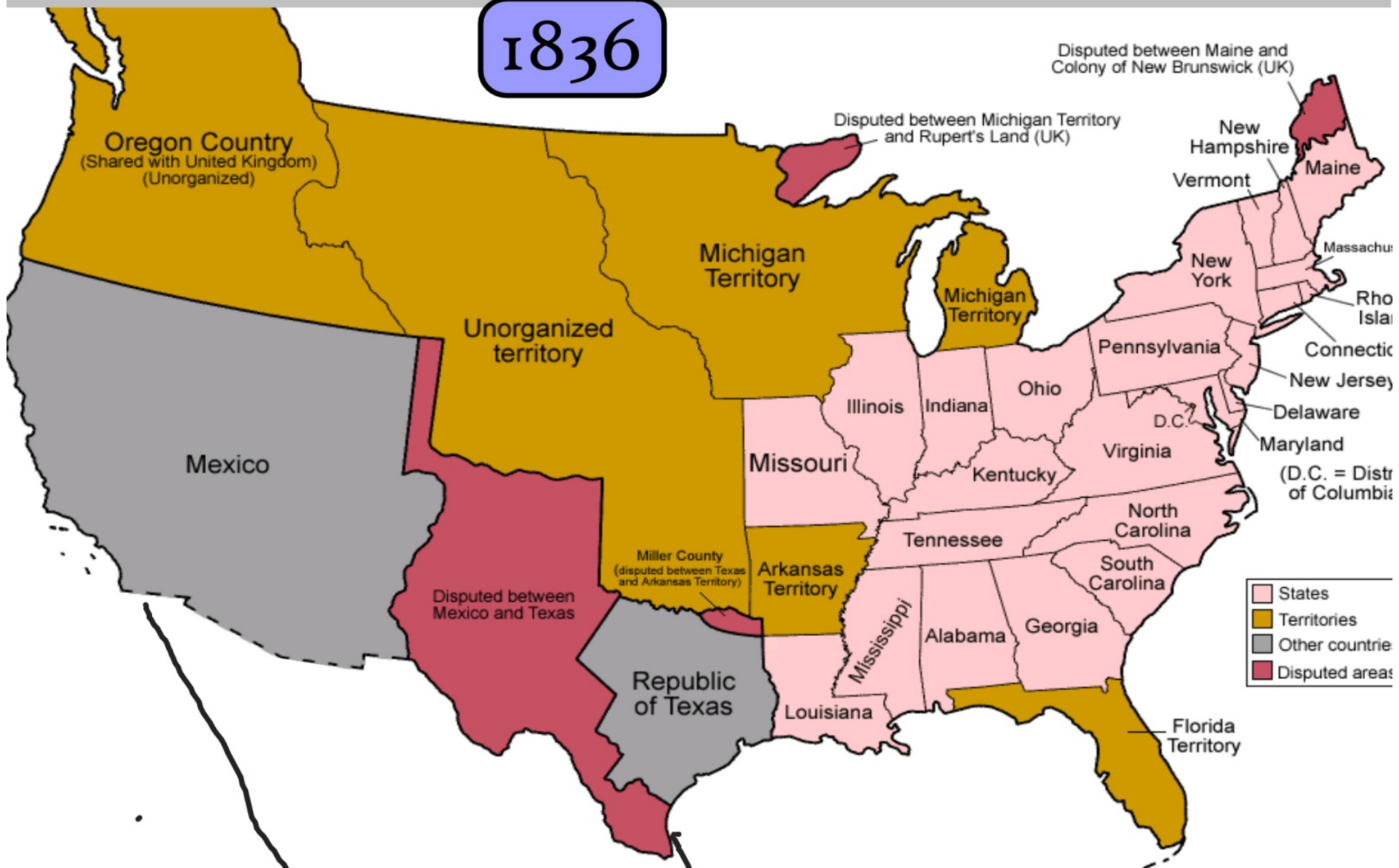
- The Spanish also learned from the Indians
 - Adobe
 - Tortillas (and other foods)

1800s

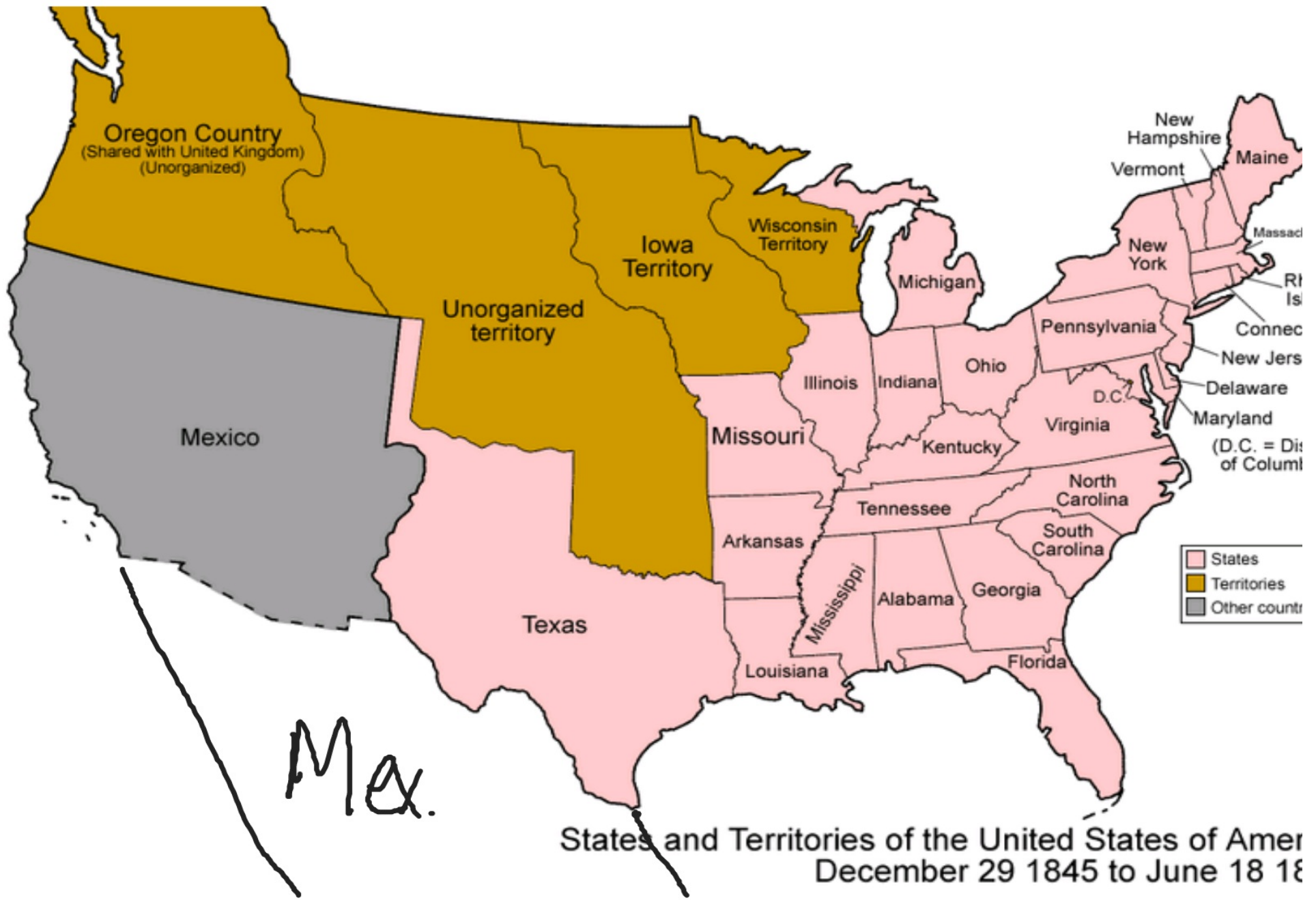
- Spain loses control of its American colonies
 - **1821:** Mexico becomes its own country (includes part of the West)
 - **1836:** Texas becomes its own Republic
 - **1845:** Texas joins U.S.
 - **1848:** Mexico gives Southwest states and California to U.S. for \$15 million

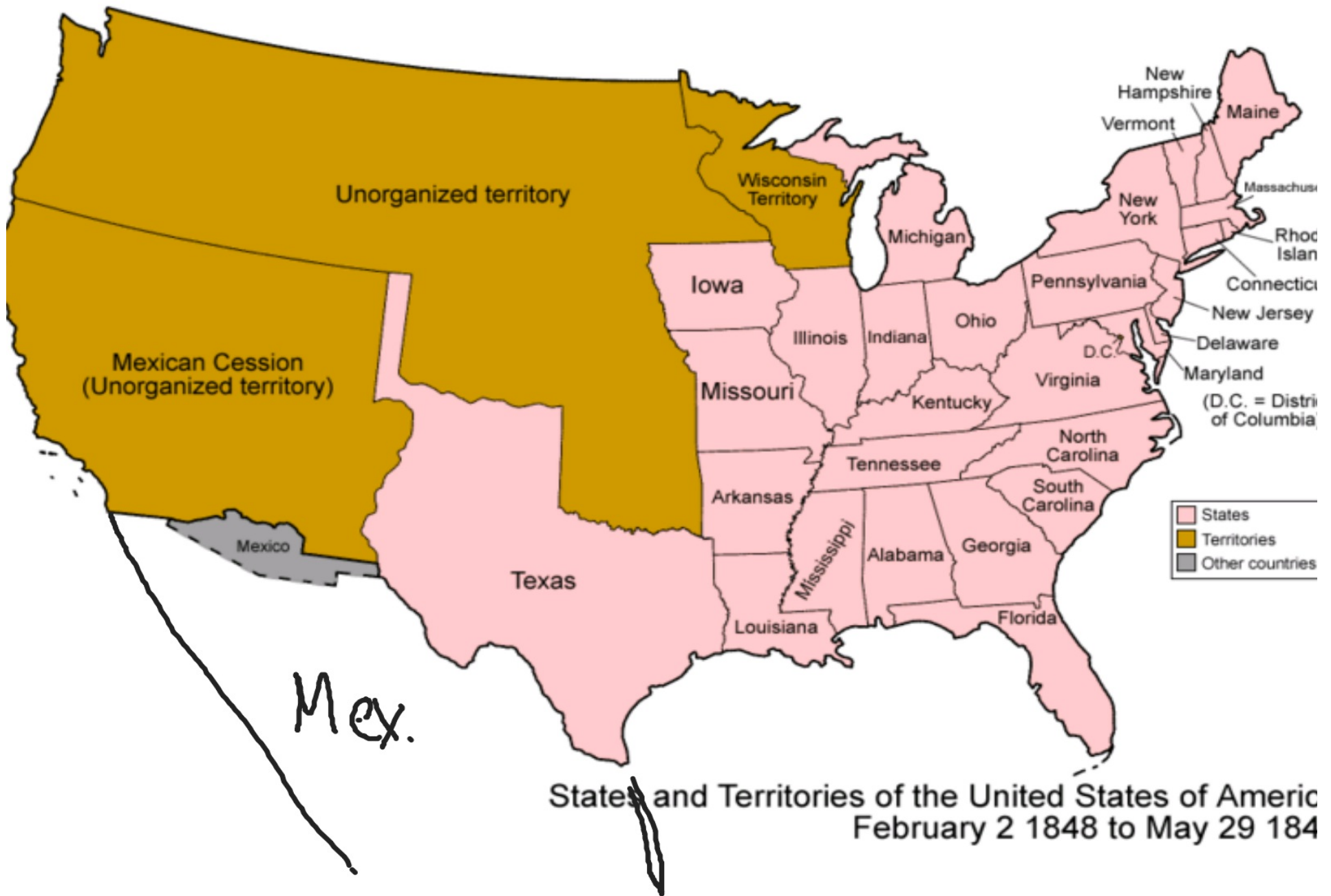


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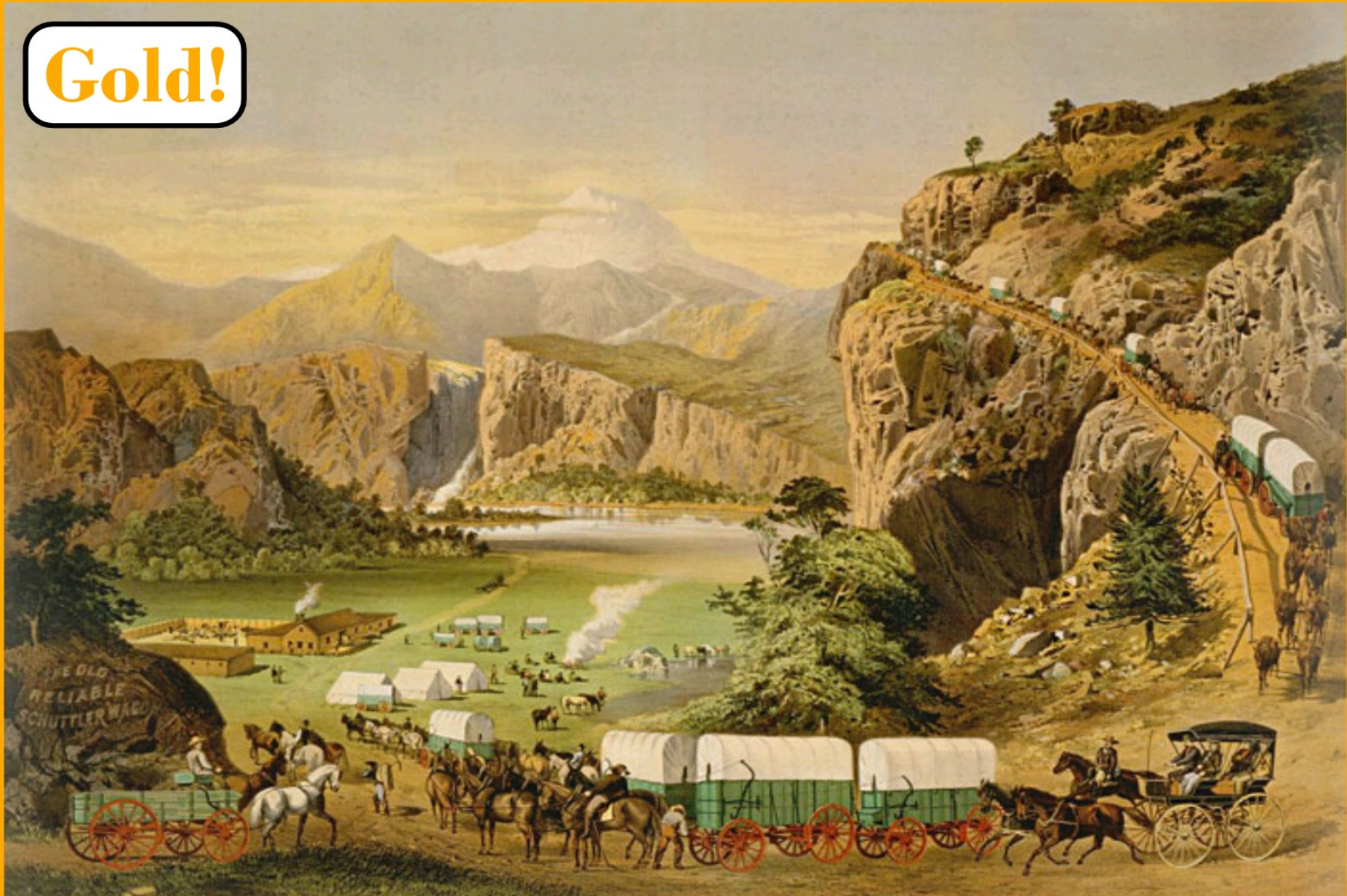
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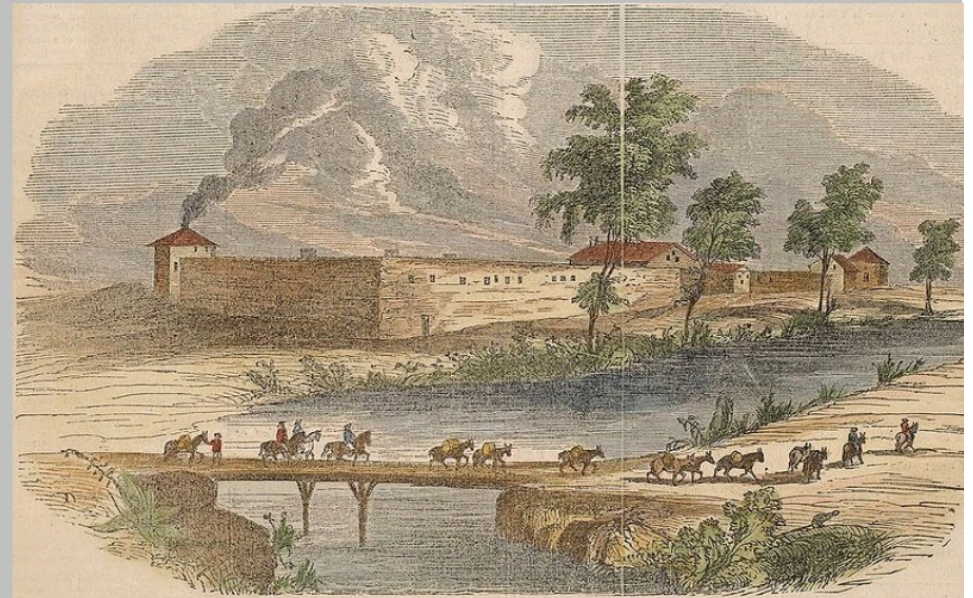
Gold!



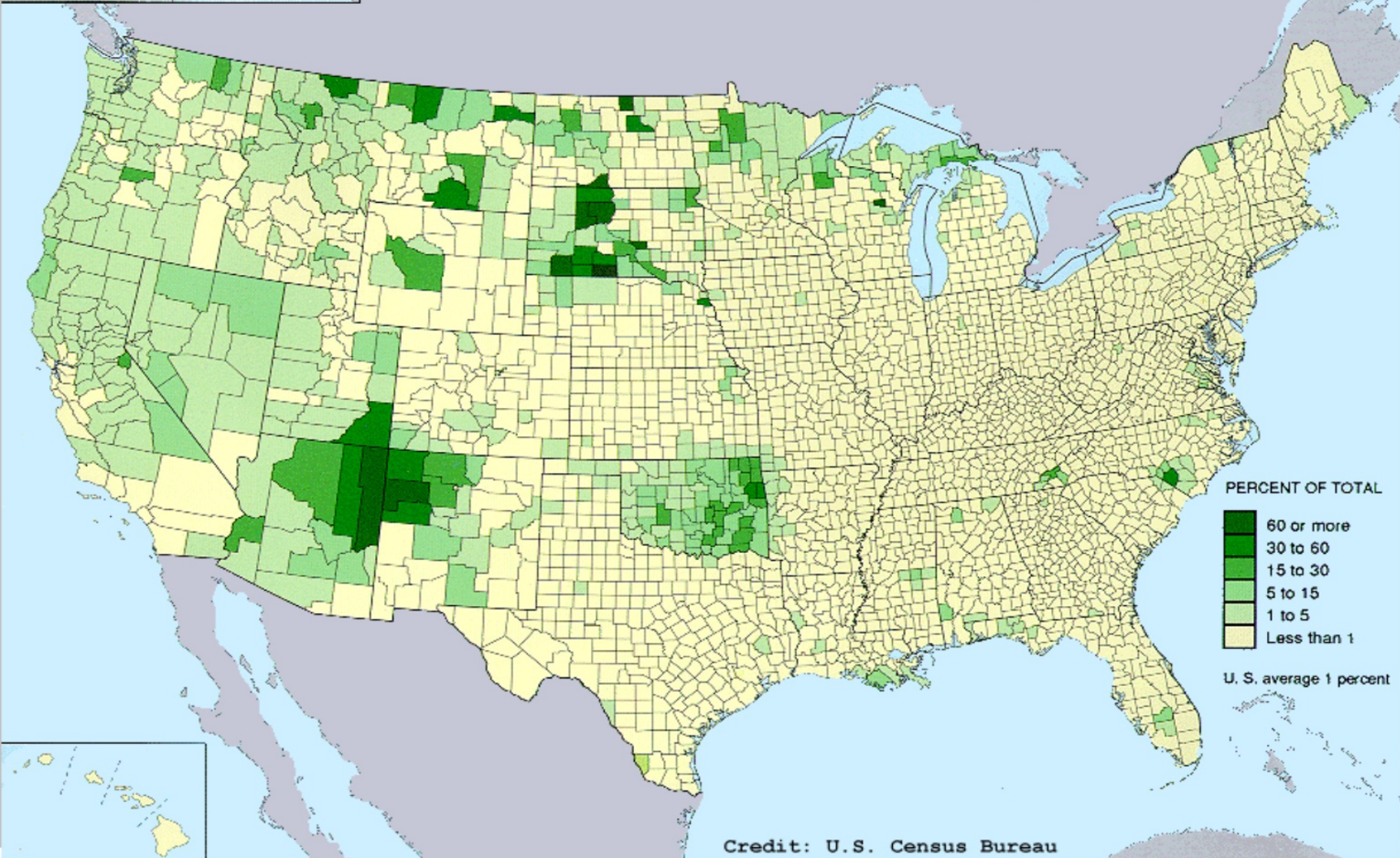
Gold

- 1848: Gold discovered in California
- Thousands of people move to California from all over the World to find gold
- Others came for cheap land (Homestead Act)
- Others came for Religious freedom
- Some came for all three

John Sutter



American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut Persons



Credit: U. S. Census Bureau

