

# American History

(A few points)

# Put these events in order:

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- World War I
- War of Independence
- Great Depression
- American Civil War
- The start of expansion to the West

# Native Americans

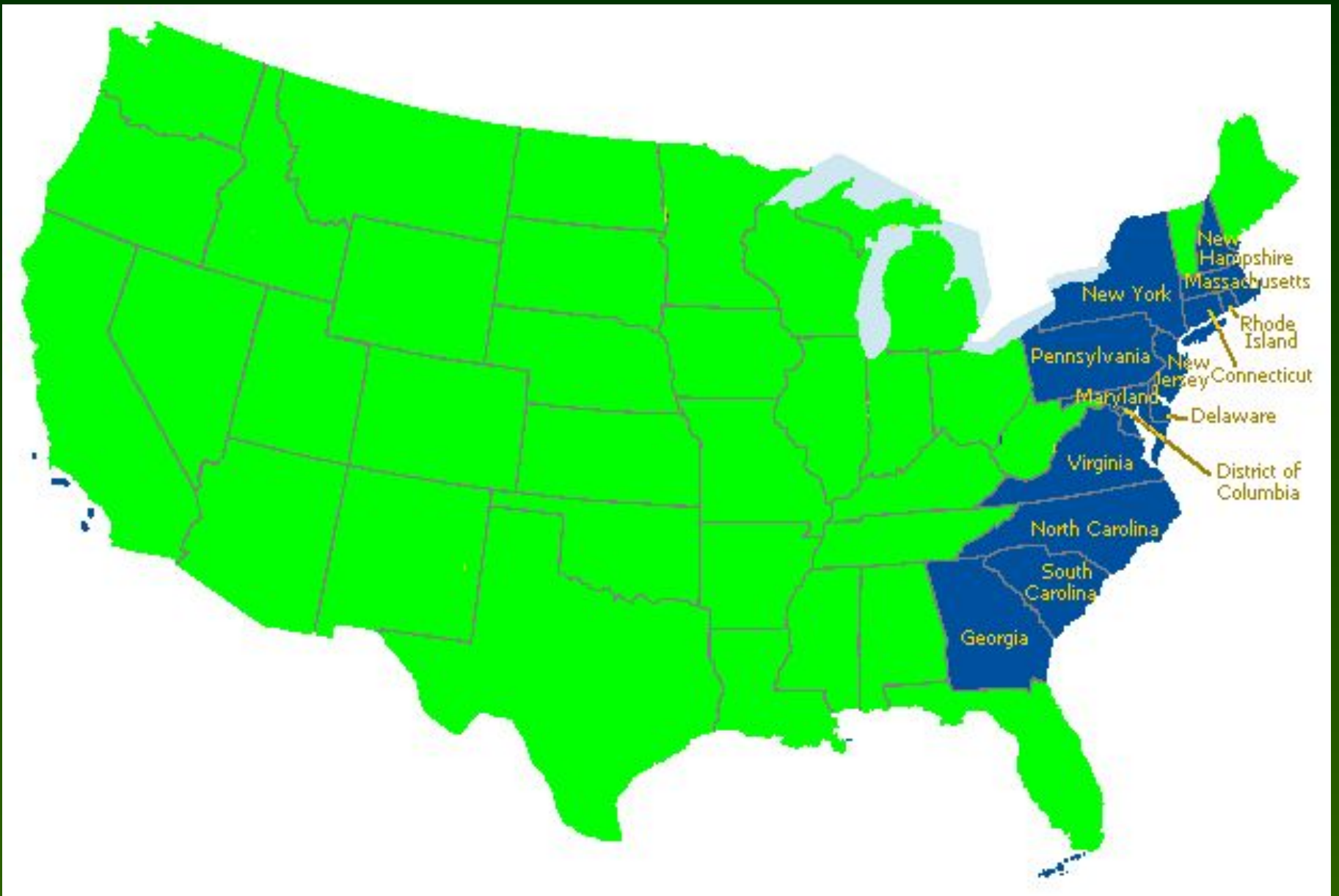
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- Before colonization, there were about 10 million people, in over 200 tribes.
- By 1865, only 300,000 remained.
  - forced off their land
  - many died from diseases brought by the colonists

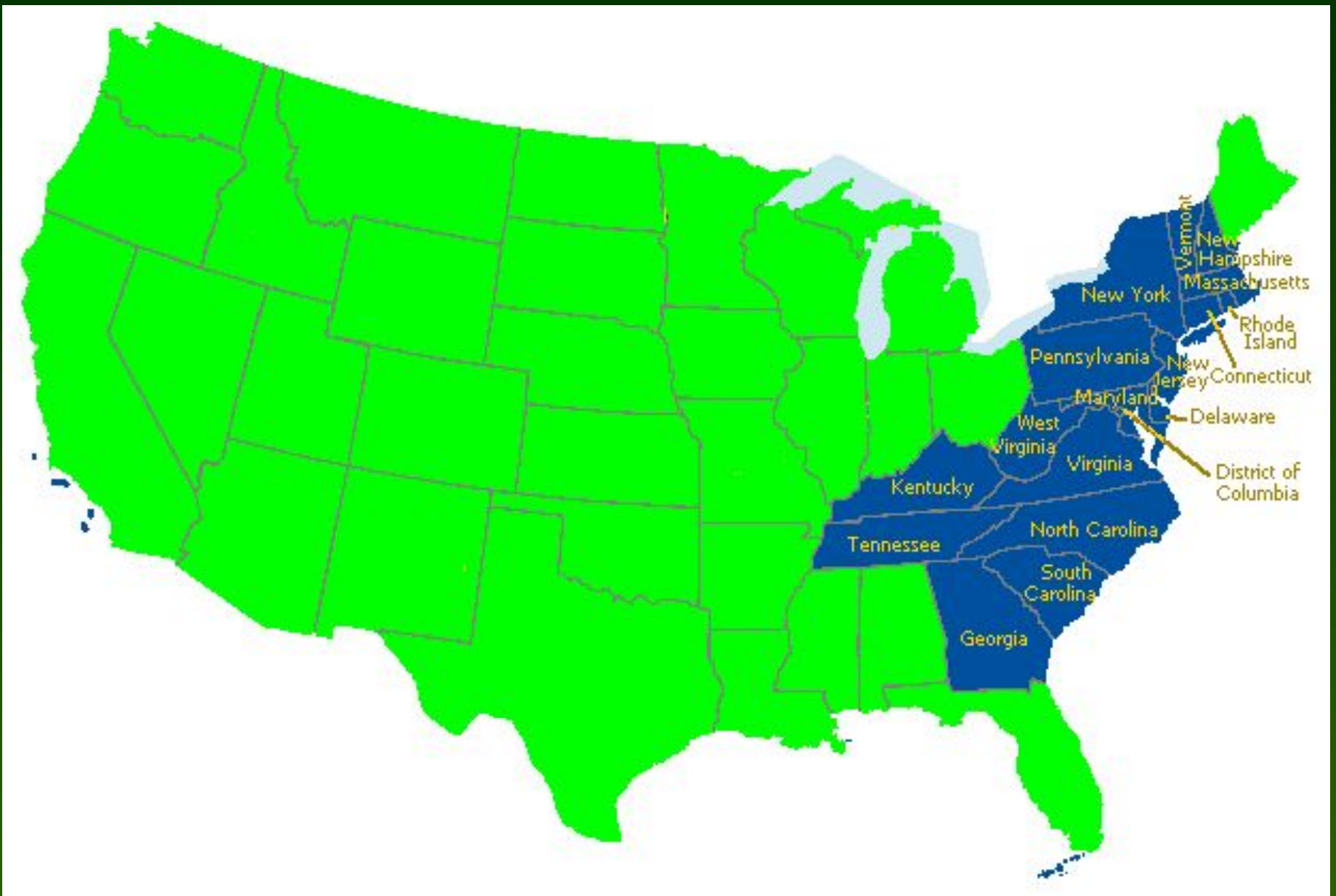
# American Character

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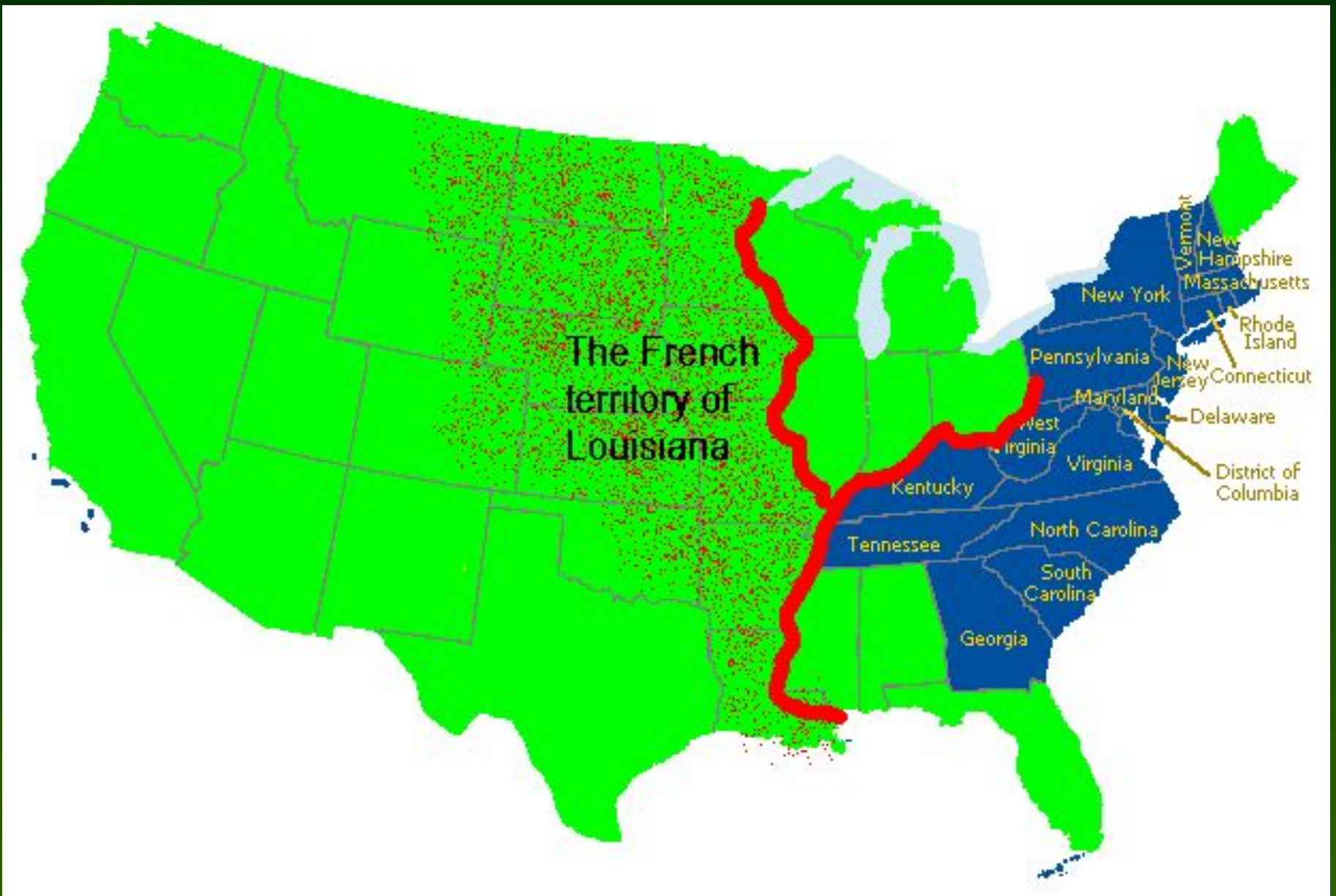
- American history has affected the character of American people
- Belief that anyone can be successful
  - most people who came to America were poor; some became very rich
- Willing to take risks and try new things
  - immigration to the “New World”
  - travelling West to start a new life



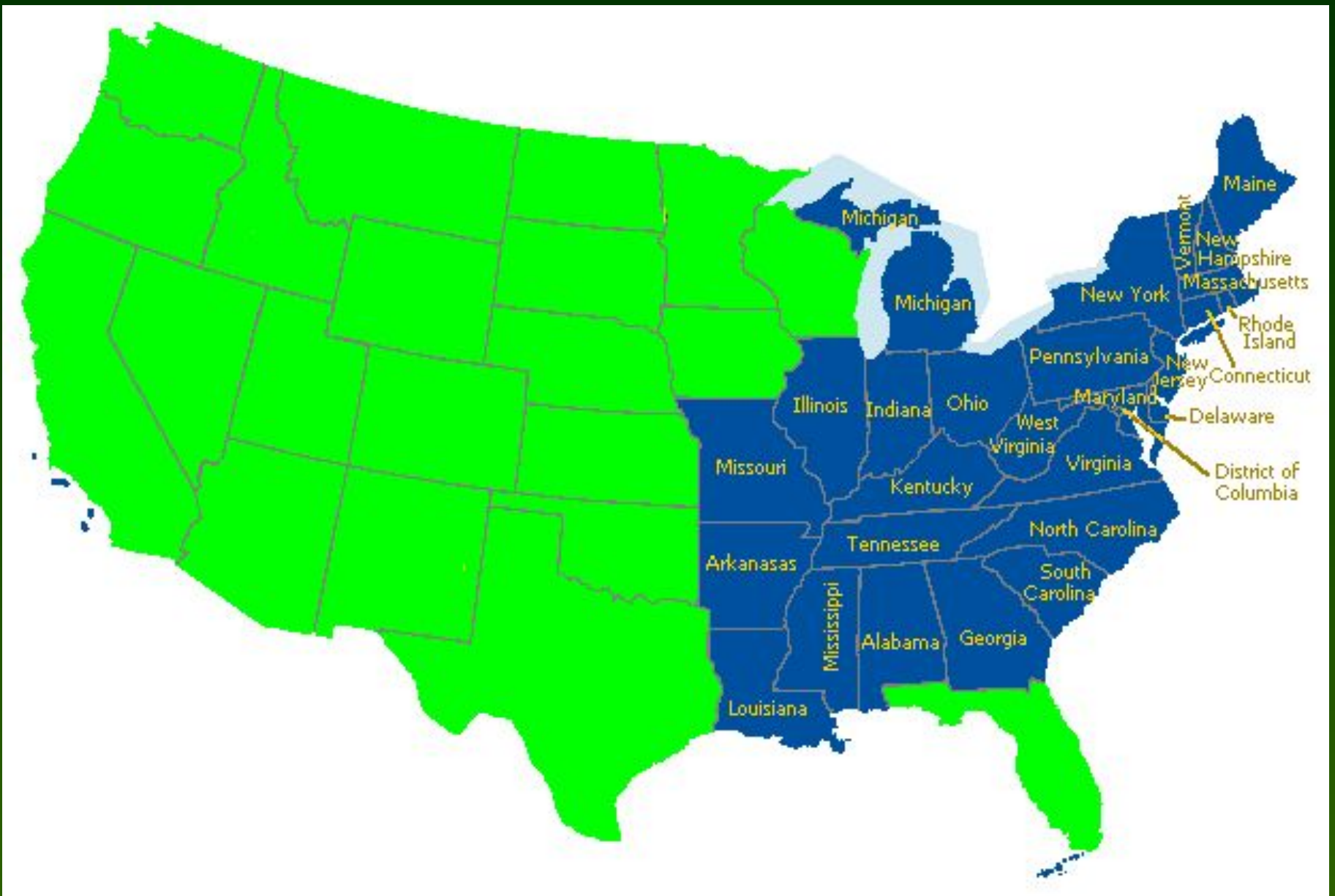
In 1788, 13 colonies become the United States of America.



By 1796, a few more states have been created.

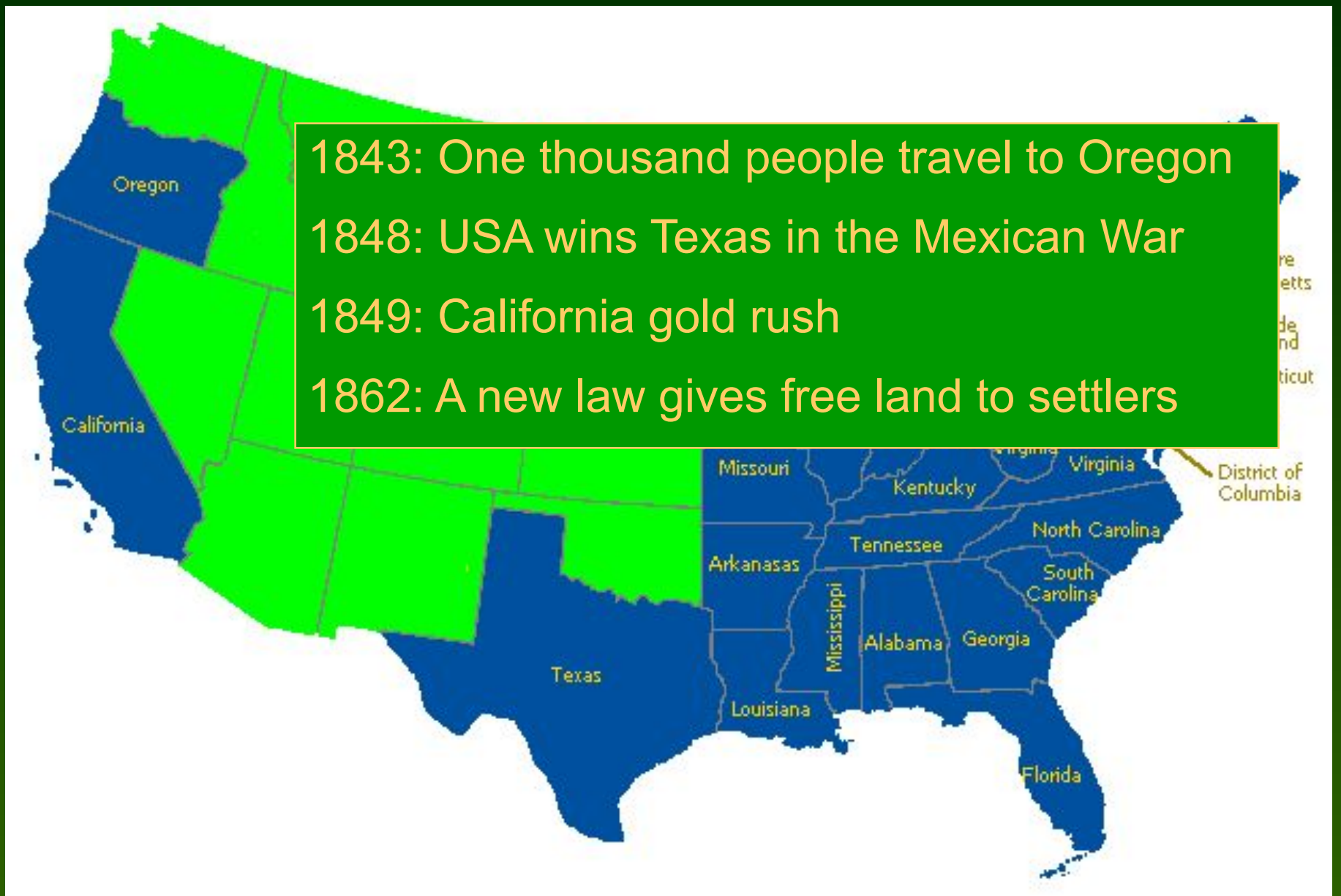


America buys Louisiana from France in 1803.



By 1837, new states have been created around the Mississippi.





1843: One thousand people travel to Oregon  
1848: USA wins Texas in the Mexican War  
1849: California gold rush  
1862: A new law gives free land to settlers

By 1850, Oregon and California become states.



By 1912, all states except Alaska and Hawaii have been created.

# Vietnam War (1964 - 1975)

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- As the war continued, anger in America grew
  - there were many protests

# Other Wars

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- Other wars that America has been involved in since World War II include:
  - Korean War (1950 - 1953)
  - Gulf War (1990 - 1991)
  - Kosovo War (1999)
  - Iraq War (2003)

# Cold War

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- After World War II, there were two *superpowers*: USA and USSR
  - democratic USA, communist USSR
- There was constant tension, but never actual war:
  - both built up their military power
  - spied on each other
  - provided money and support to groups in Korean, Vietnam, Middle East, etc

# America as a Superpower

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- After the USSR broke up in 1991, USA became the only superpower.
- There are still some powerful countries in Europe and Asia.
- But sometimes America tries to ignore them.
  - USA refused to sign the Kyoto Protocol on greenhouse gases
  - USA attacked Iraq without UN approval