



American History



(A few points)

Put these events in order:

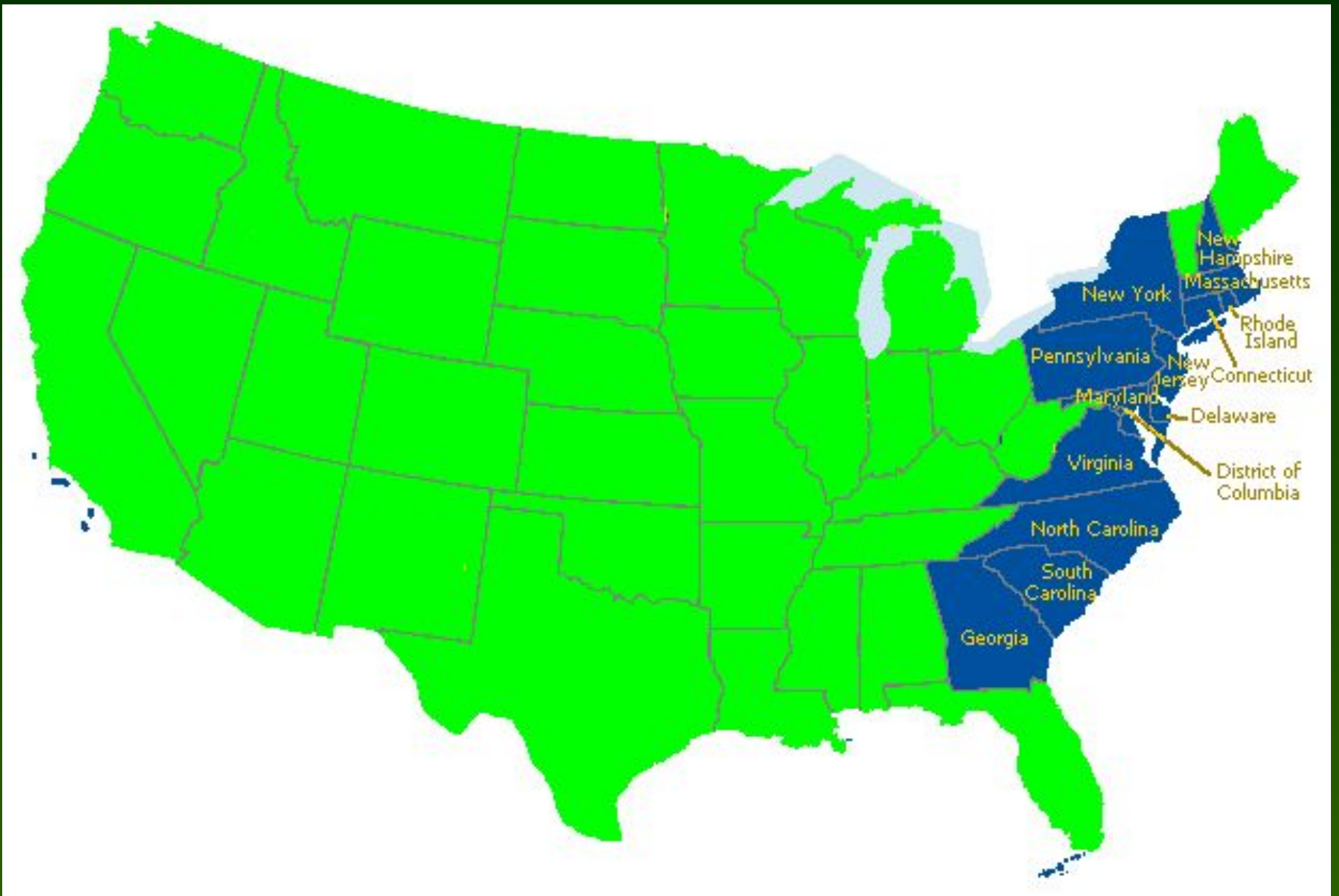
- World War I
- War of Independence
- Great Depression
- American Civil War
- The start of expansion to the West

Native Americans

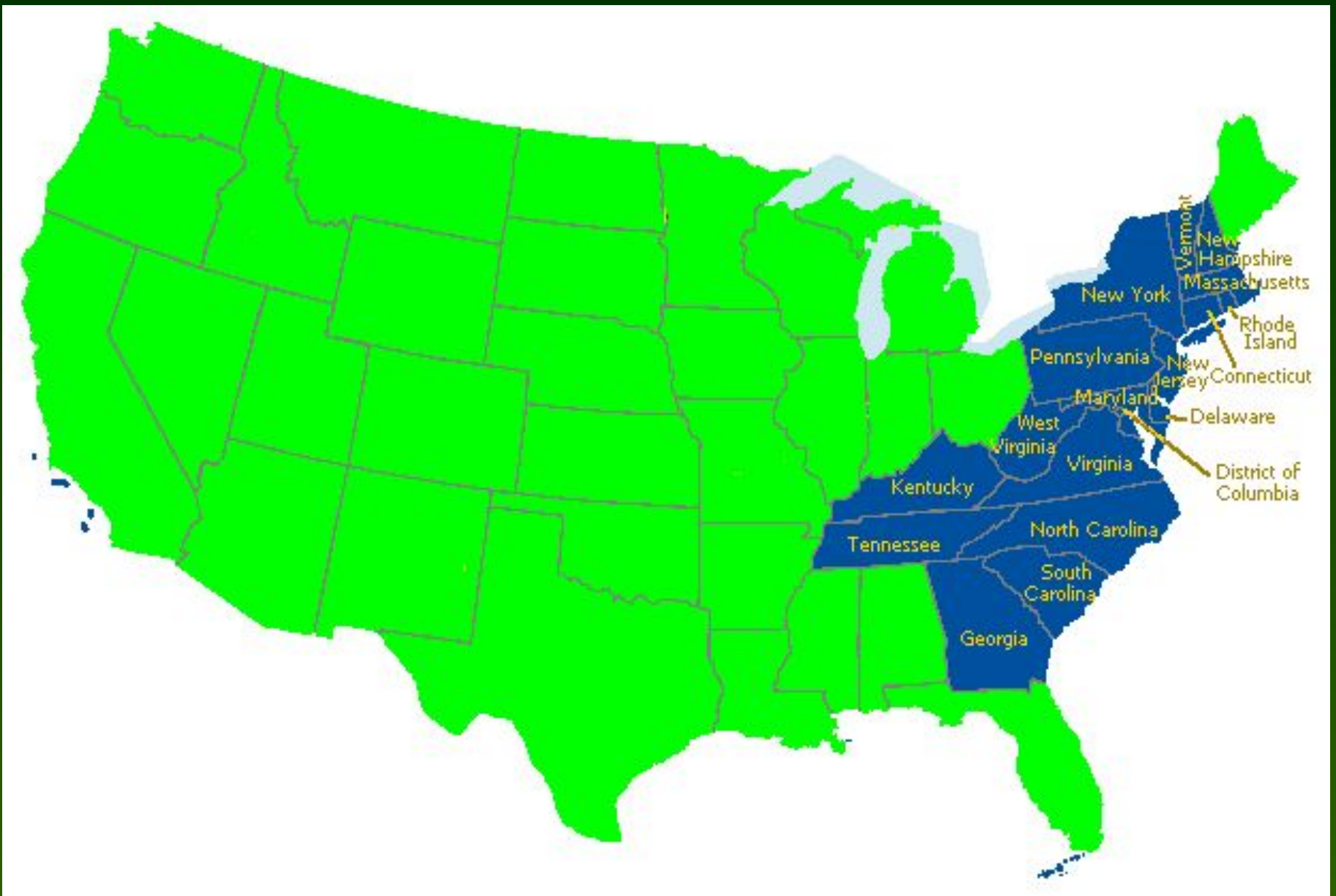
- Before colonization, there were about 10 million people, in over 200 tribes.
- By 1865, only 300,000 remained.
 - forced off their land
 - many died from diseases brought by the colonists

American Character

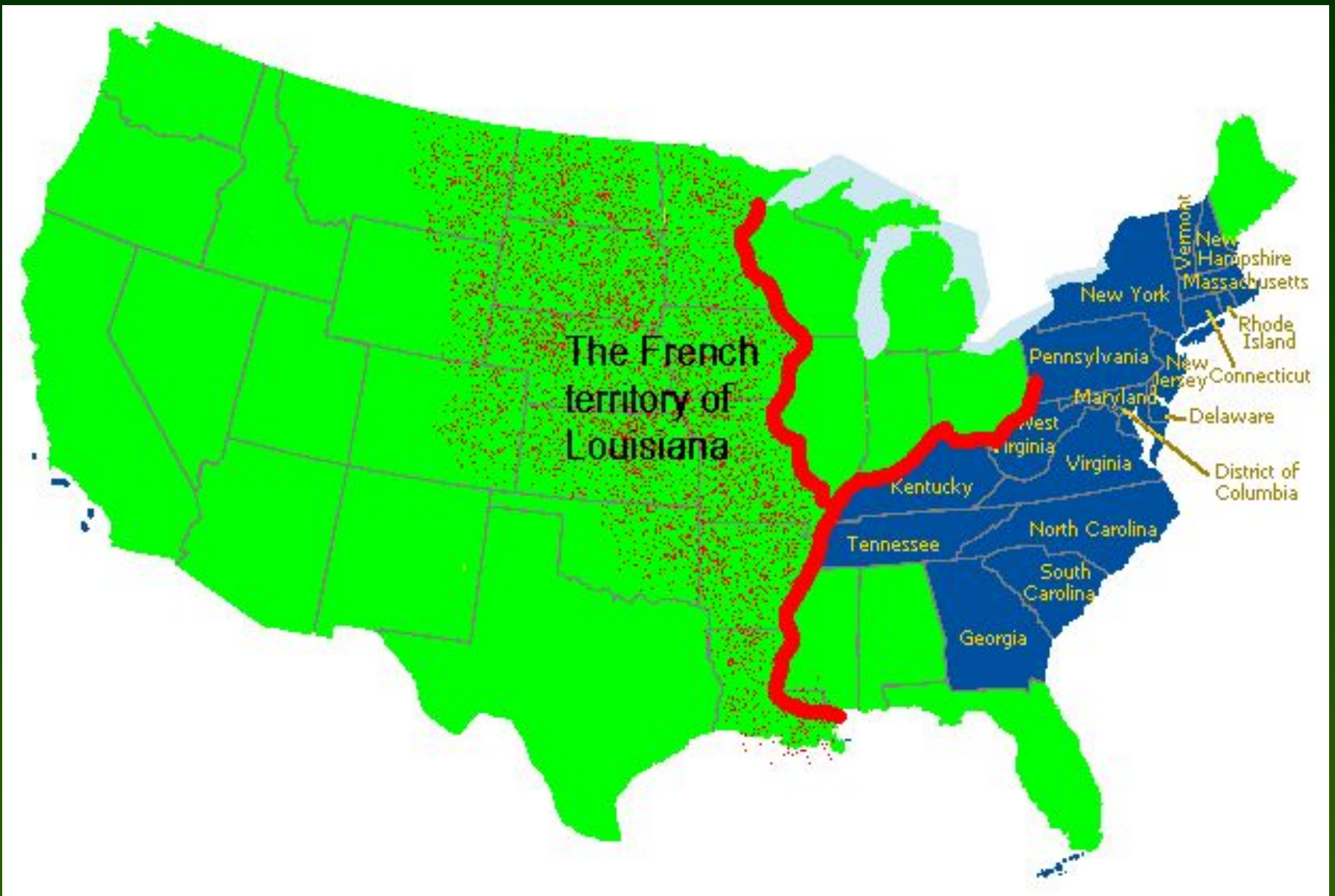
- American history has affected the character of American people
- Belief that anyone can be successful
 - most people who came to America were poor; some became very rich
- Willing to take risks and try new things
 - immigration to the “New World”
 - travelling West to start a new life



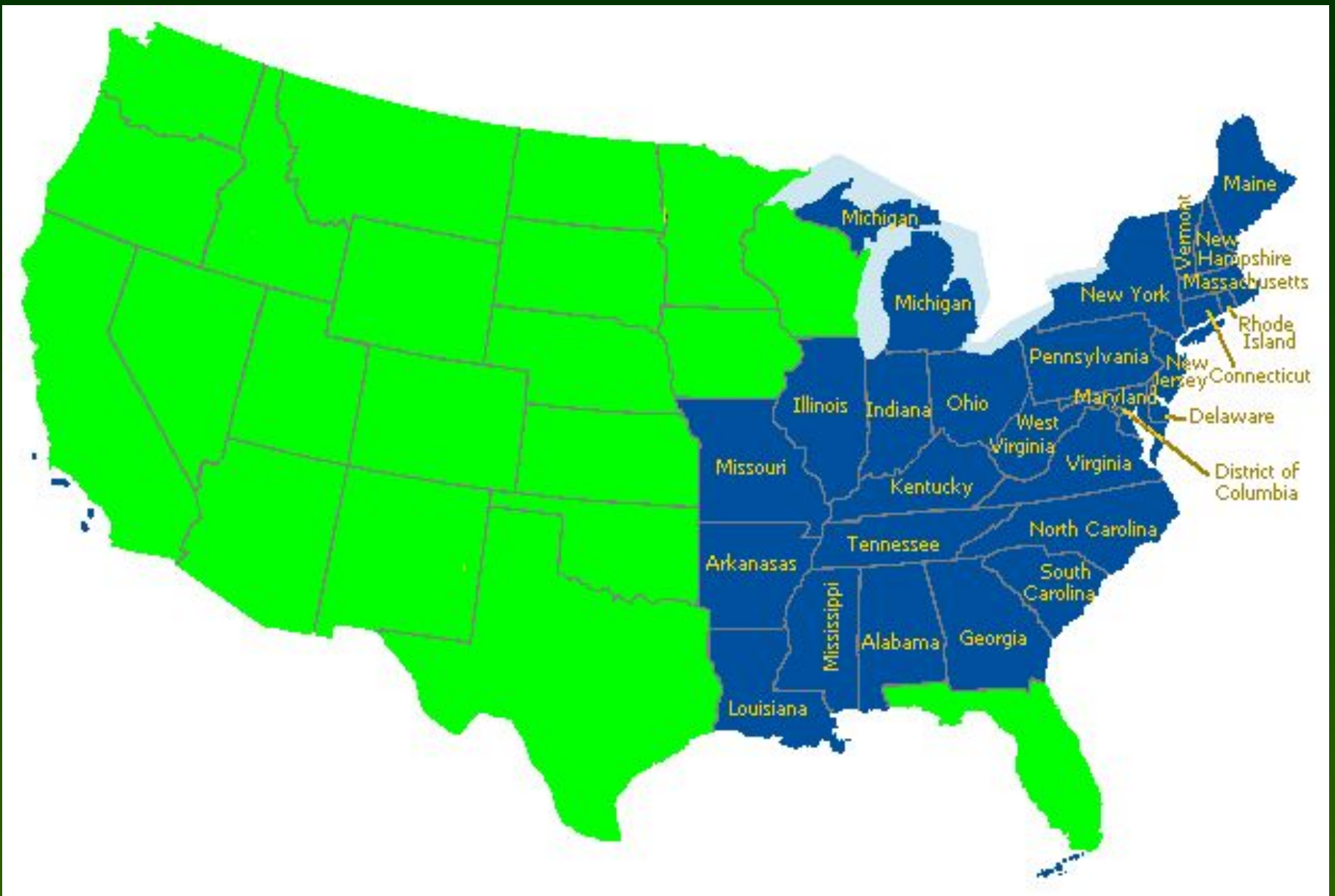
In 1788, 13 colonies become the United States of America.



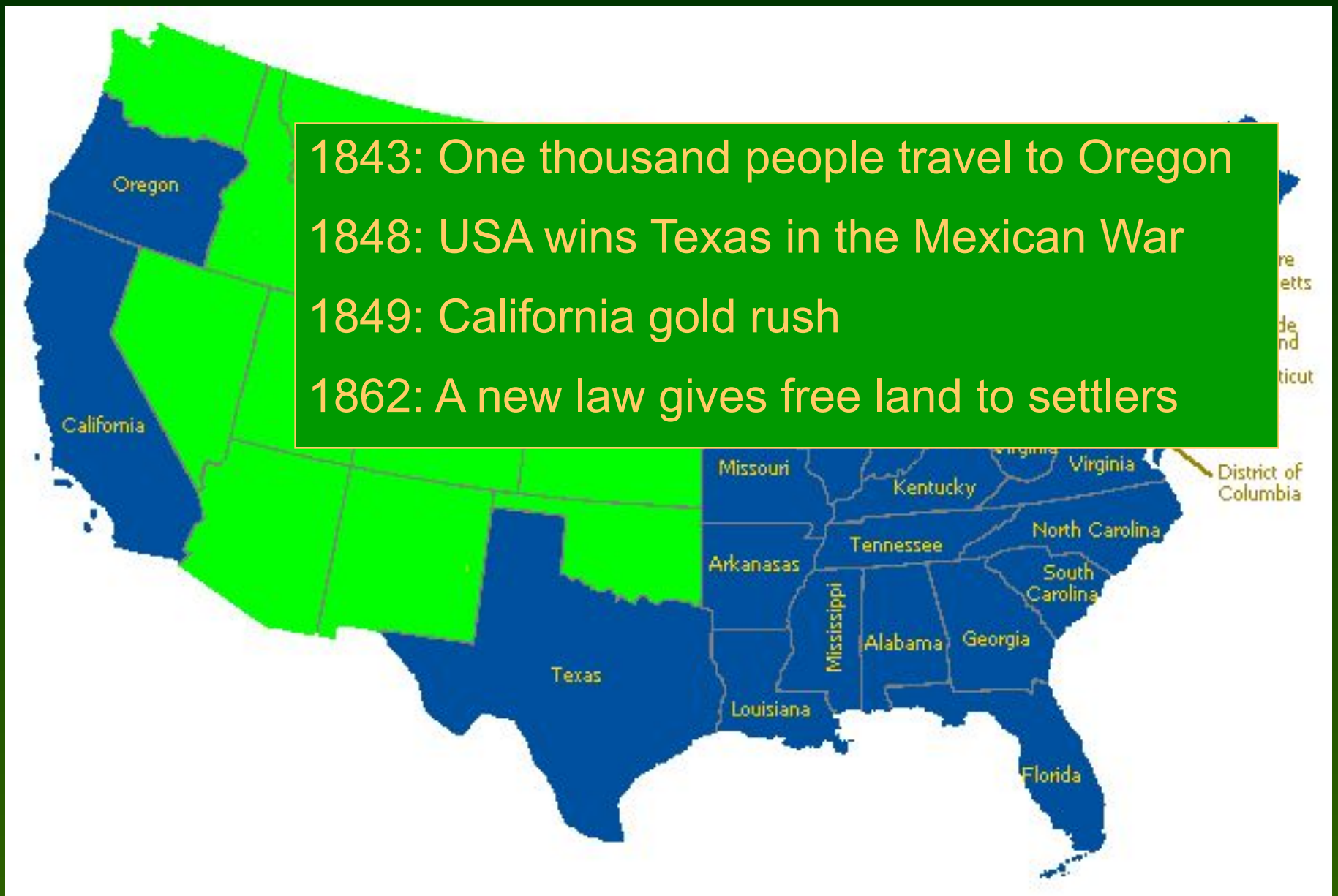
By 1796, a few more states have been created.



America buys Louisiana from France in 1803.



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



By 1850, Oregon and California become states.



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

Vietnam War (1964 - 1975)



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

Other Wars

- 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

- 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

- 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