

American History

(A few points)

Put these events in order:

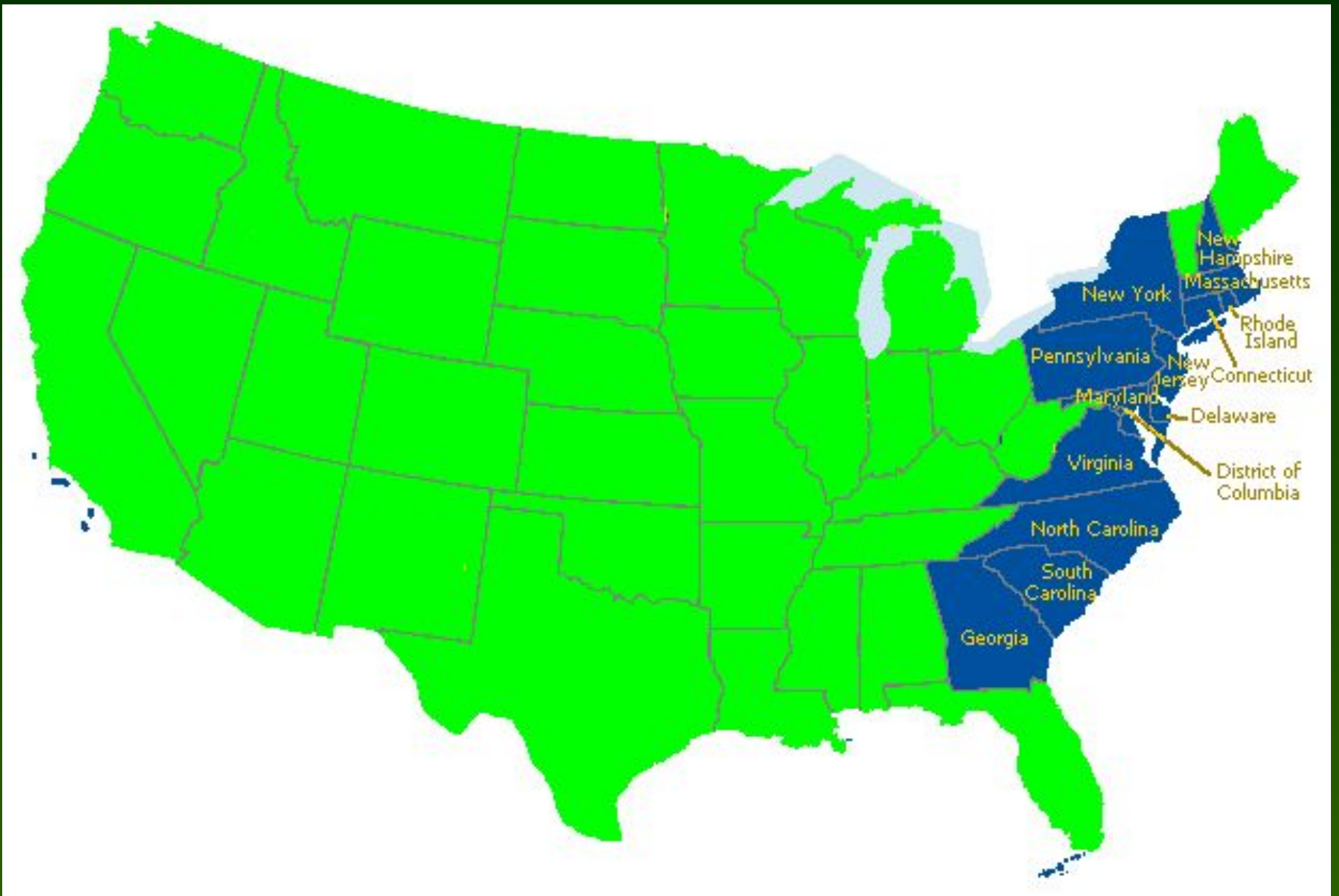
- World War I
- War of Independence
- Great Depression
- American Civil War
- The start of expansion to the West

Native Americans

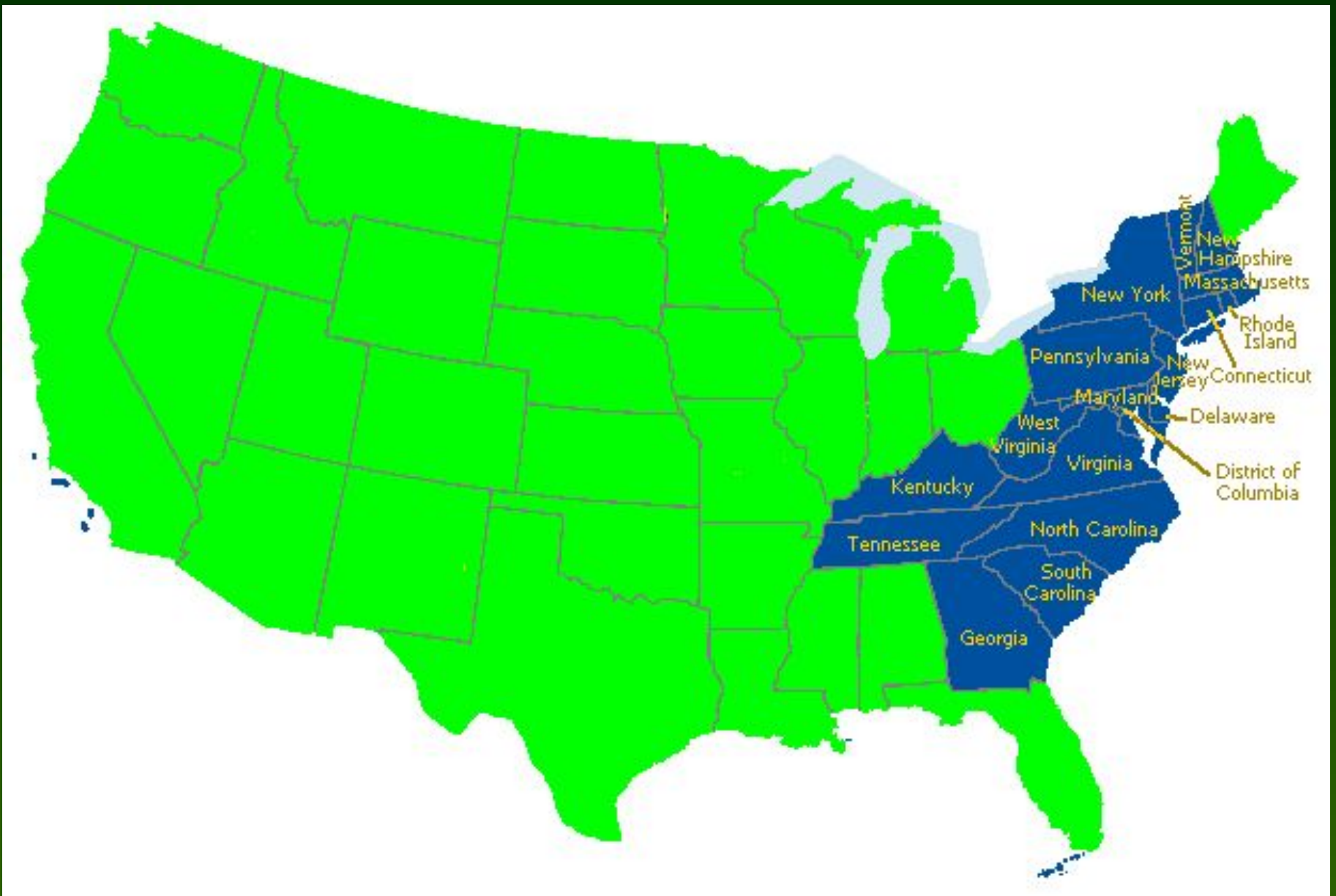
- Before colonization, there were about 10 million people, in over 200 tribes.
- By 1865, only 300,000 remained.
 - forced off their land
 - many died from diseases brought by the colonists

American Character

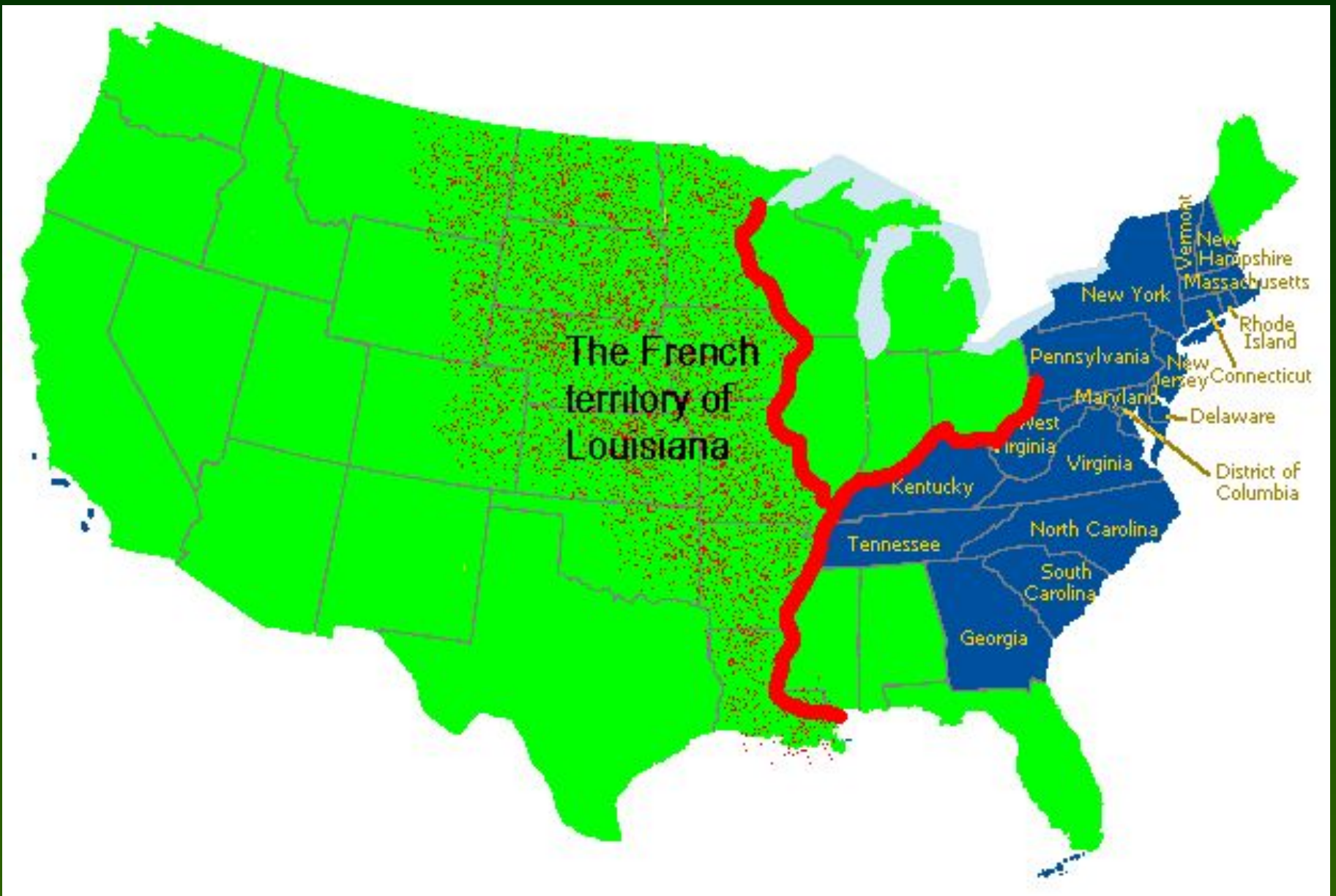
- American history has affected the character of American people
- Belief that anyone can be successful
 - most people who came to America were poor; some became very rich
- Willing to take risks and try new things
 - immigration to the “New World”
 - travelling West to start a new life



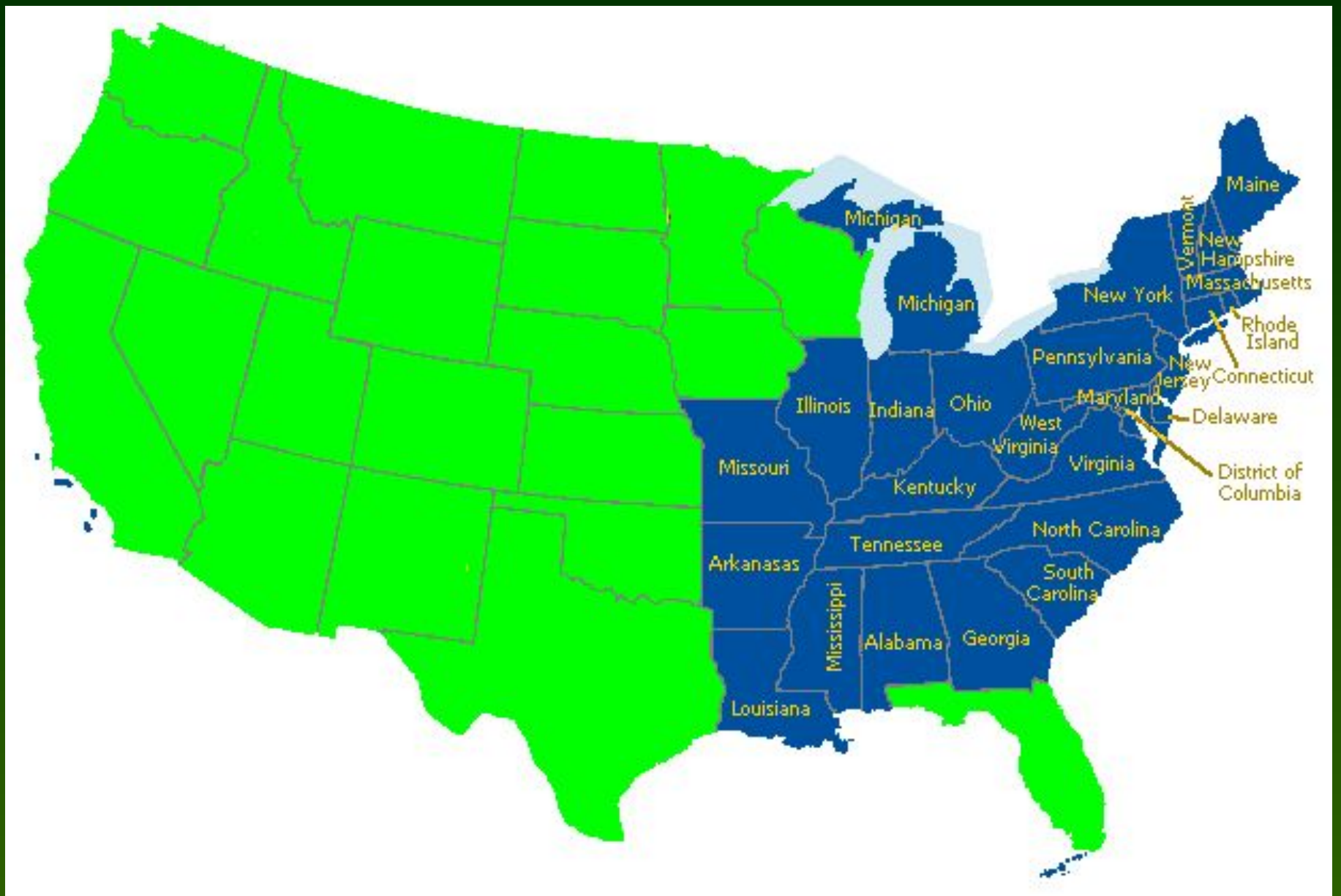
In 1788, 13 colonies become the United States of America.



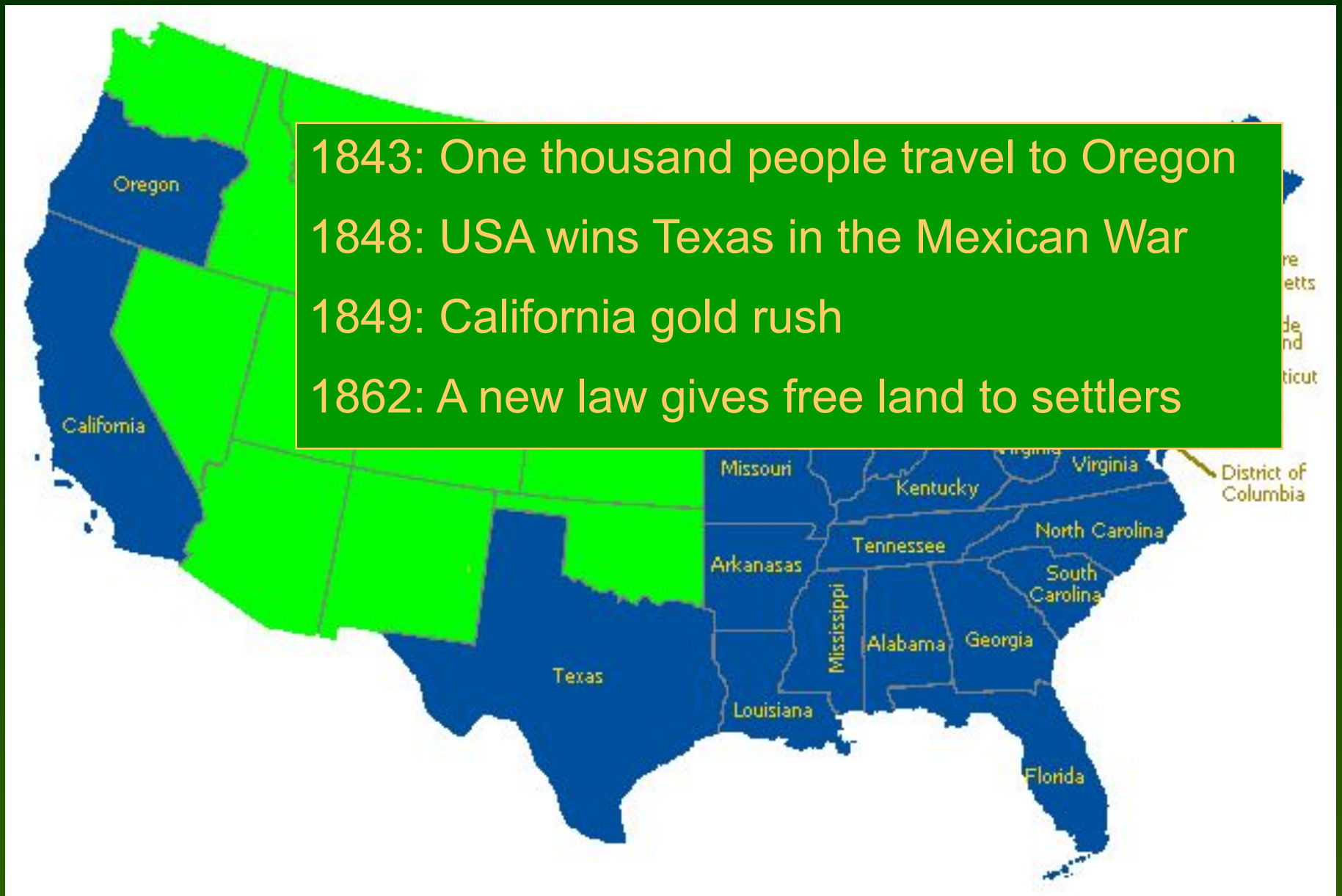
By 1796, a few more states have been created.



America buys Louisiana from France in 1803.



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



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)



- 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