

Essential Question

Why did the United States as a nation expand west from 1800 to 1850?

Why You Should Care

Well, we live here. In the west. Duh. Seriously, California is in the west. Like, you can't get more west. I mean, I guess Hawaii but come on...

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THE WEST



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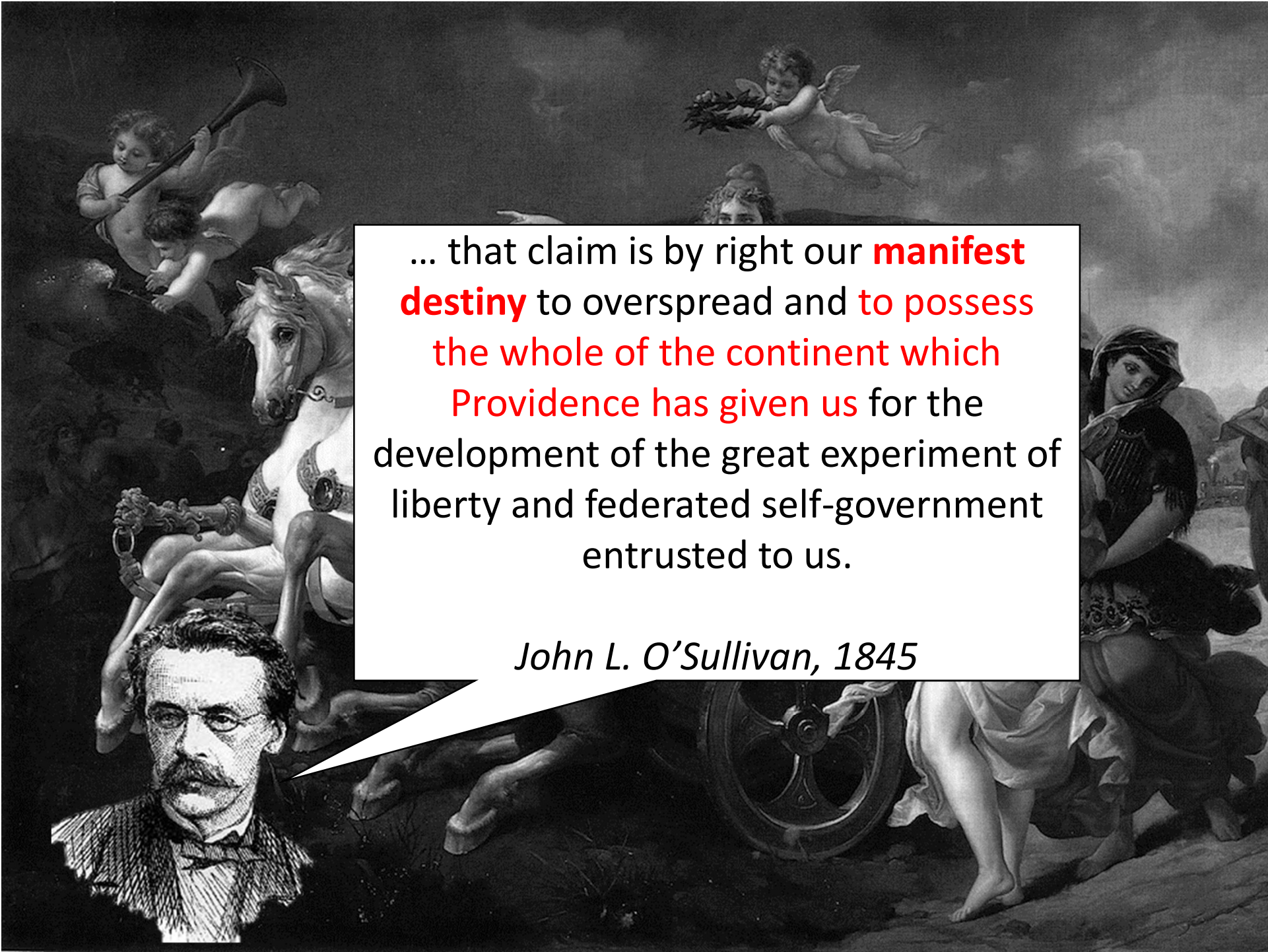


Analyze this

Look carefully at the following painting. Write what it tells you about how Americans felt about going west.







... that claim is by right our **manifest destiny** to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federated self-government entrusted to us.

John L. O'Sullivan, 1845

Going West



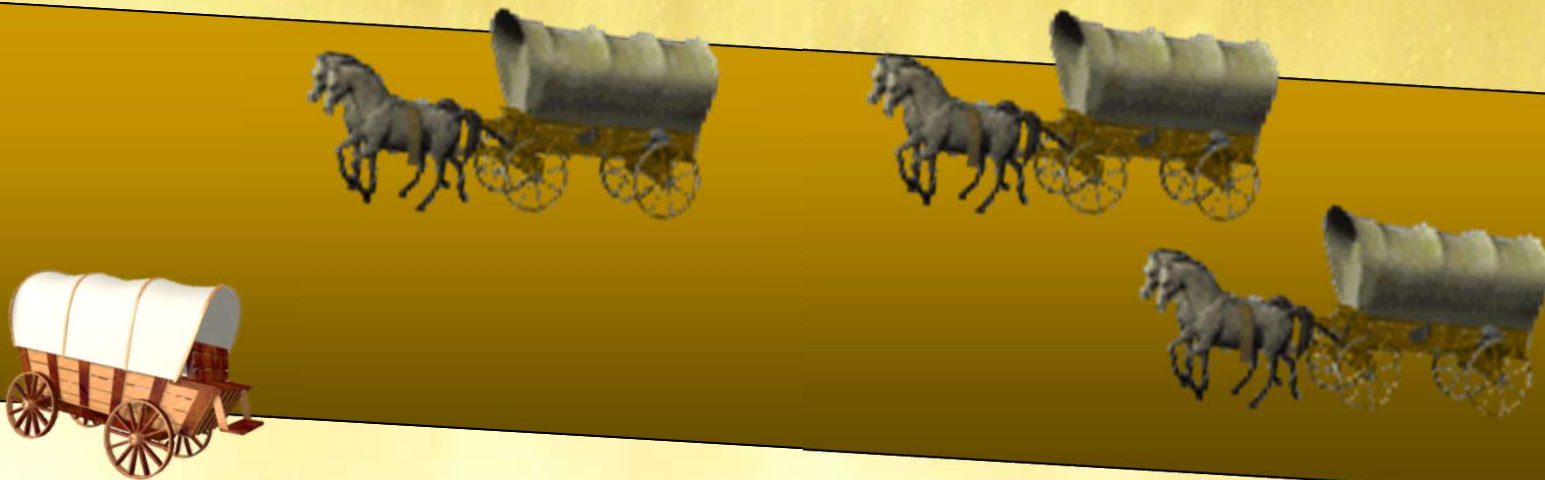
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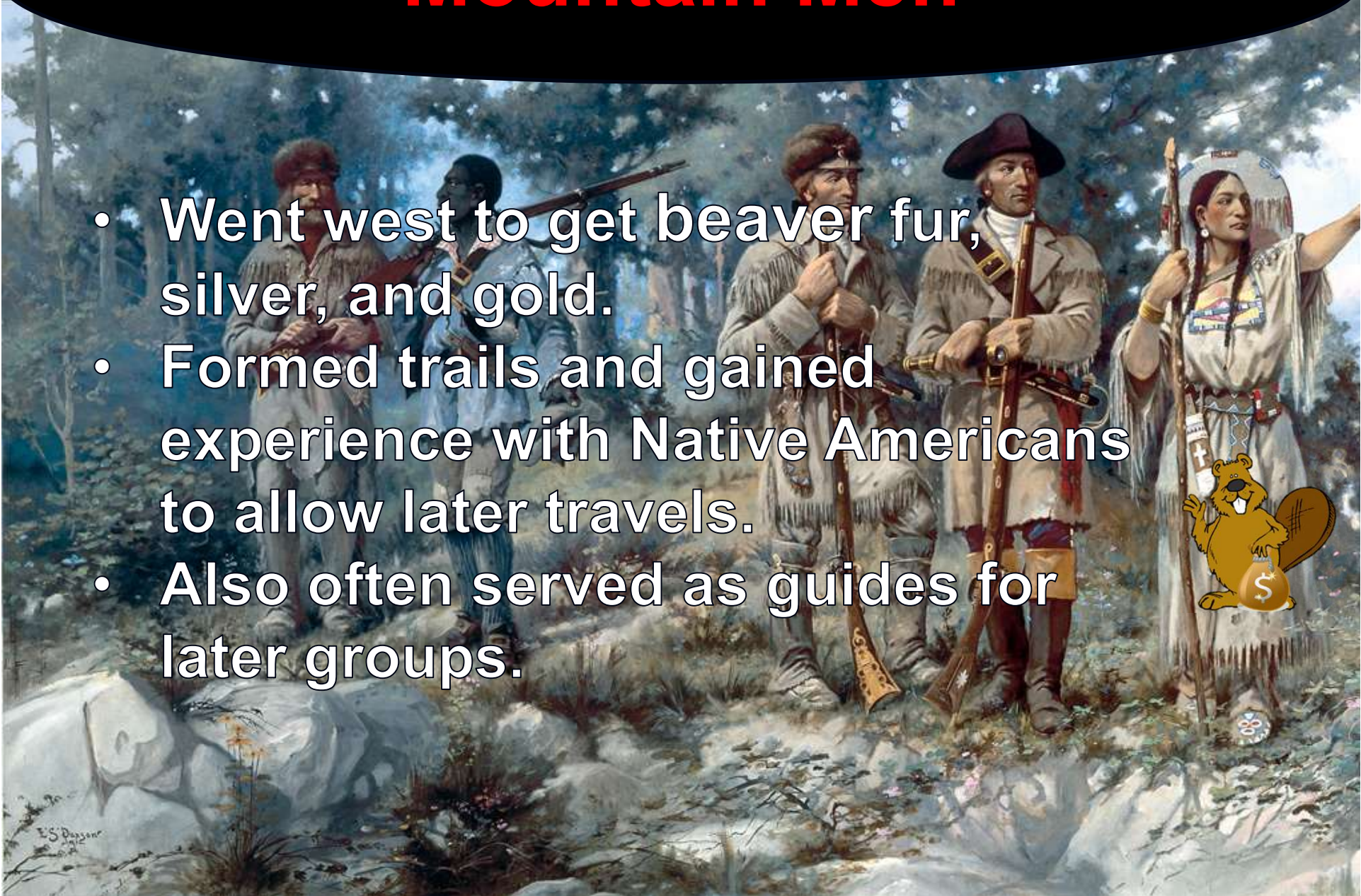
Reasons to Go

- Adventure
- A new start
- Religious Freedom
- Wealth (fur-trapping, speculation, silver and gold, land)



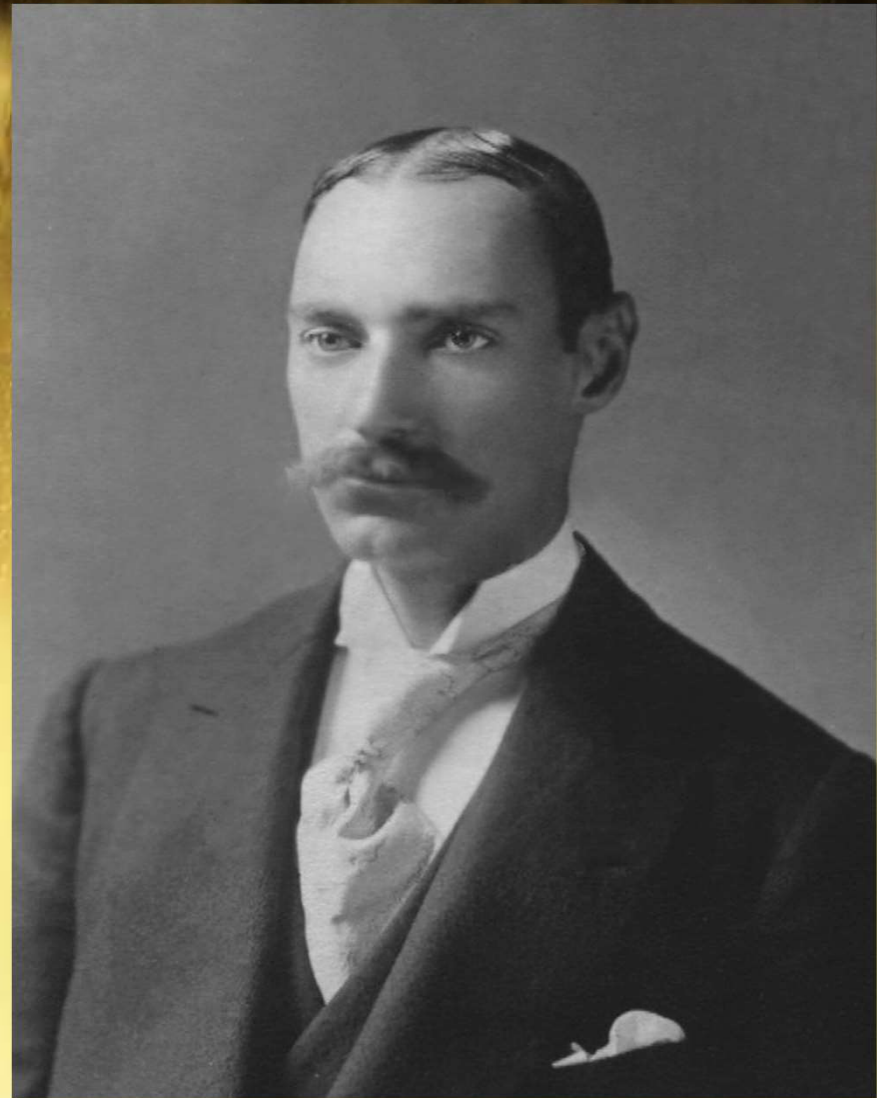
Mountain Men

- Went west to get beaver fur, silver, and gold.
- Formed trails and gained experience with Native Americans to allow later travels.
- Also often served as guides for later groups.



John Jacob Astor

- Created one of the largest fur businesses, the American Fur Company
- Founded Astoria, one of the first settlements in Oregon Country



Oregon Trail



Homestead Acts



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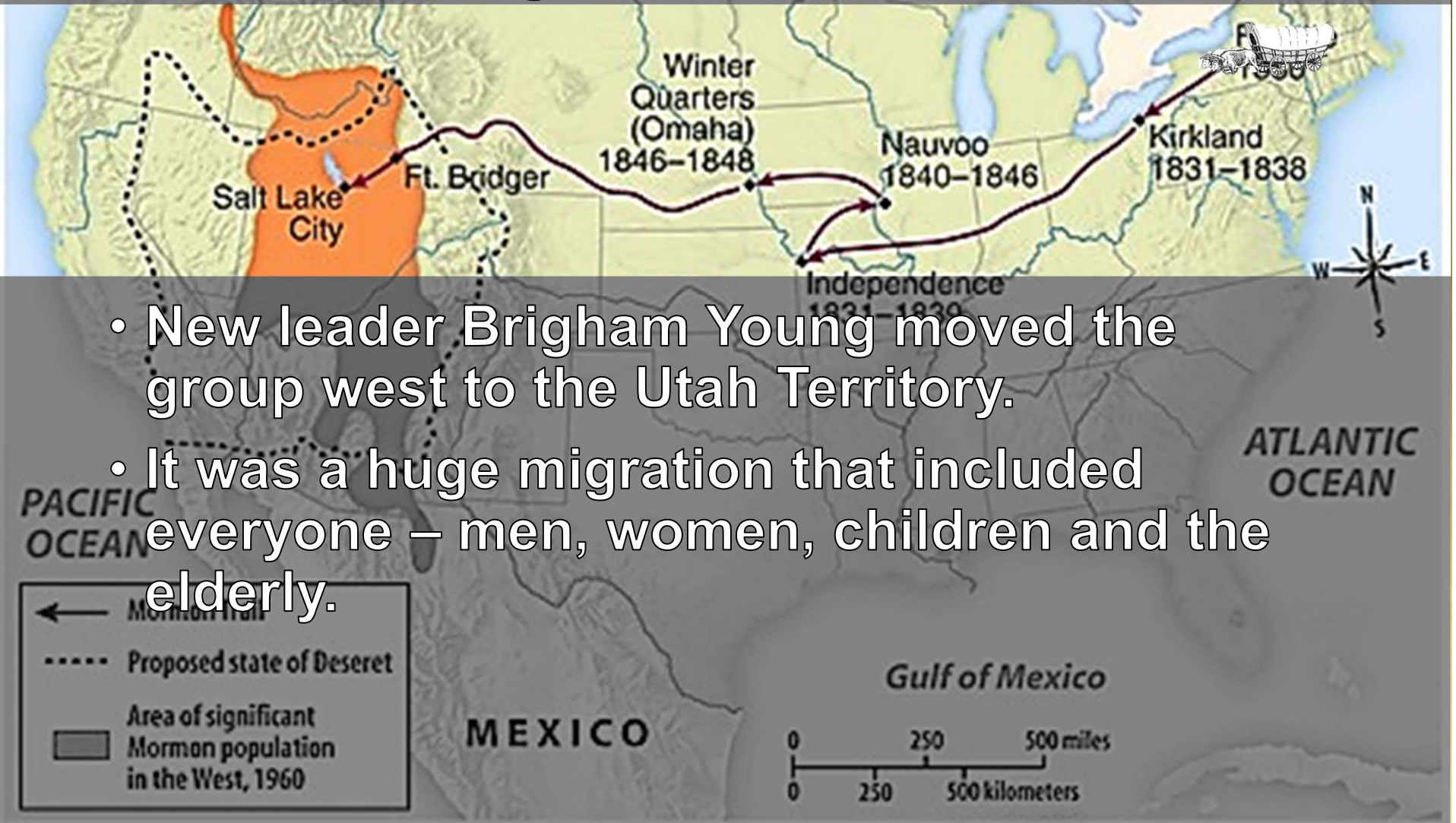
The Mormons

- A religious group founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith.
- Grew quickly but were often not welcomed due to their different beliefs (like polygamy) so they kept moving.
- Eventually settled (for awhile...) in Nauvoo Illinois – a swampy, mostly unwanted area.



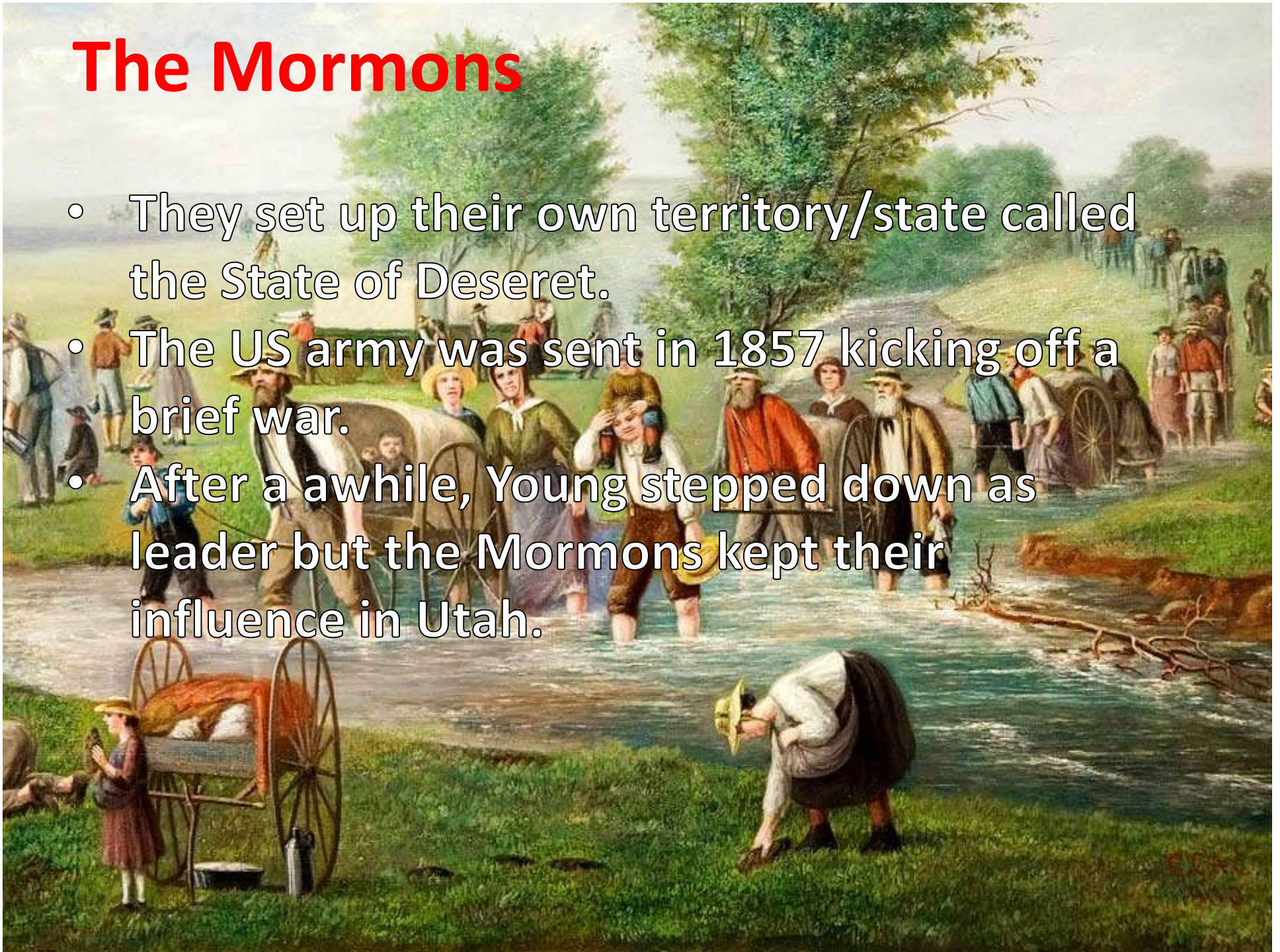
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- Smith was killed so the Mormons moved further west again.



The Mormons

- They set up their own territory/state called the State of Deseret.
- The US army was sent in 1857 kicking off a brief war.
- After a while, Young stepped down as leader but the Mormons kept their influence in Utah.

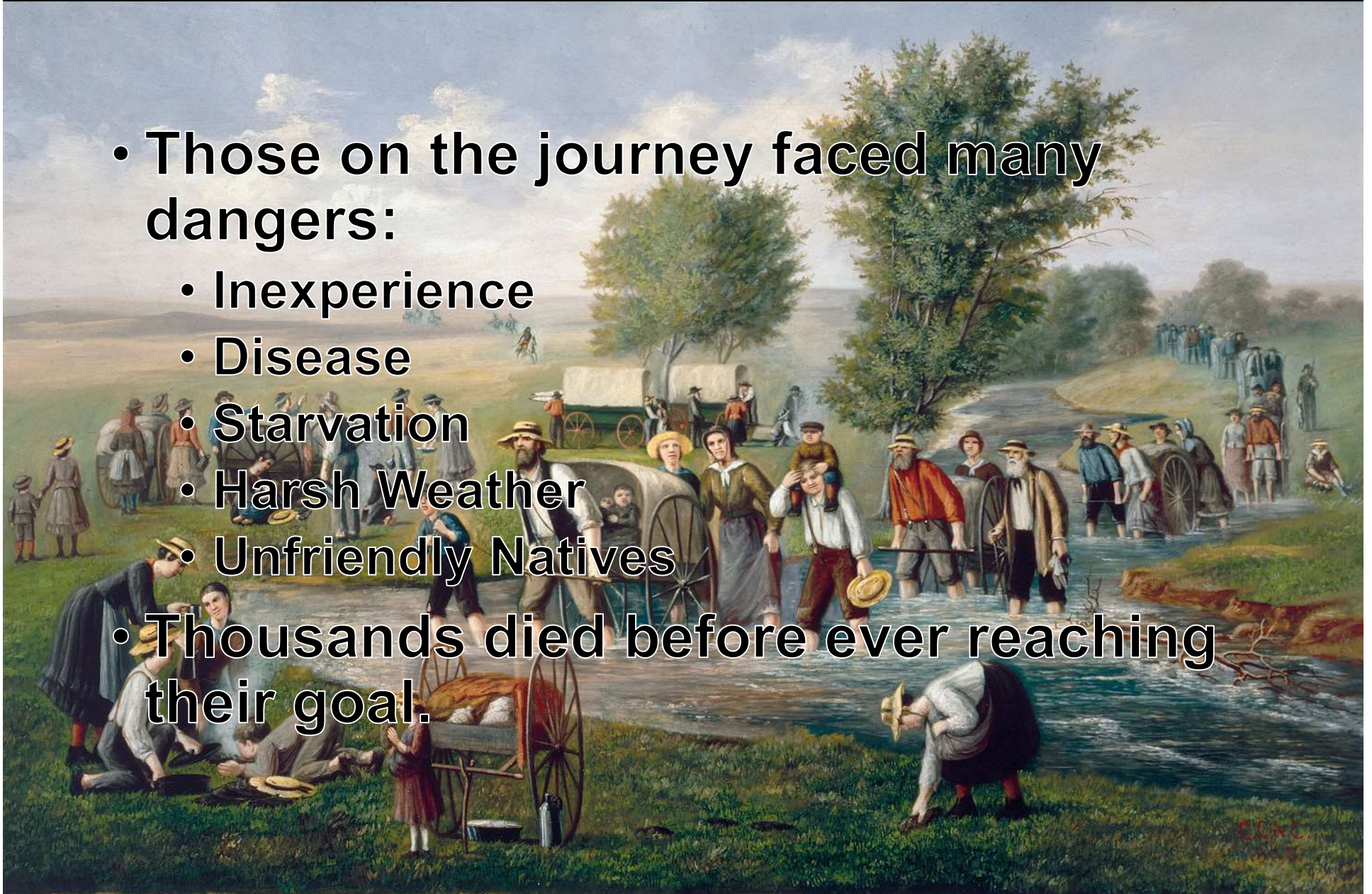


Santa Fe Trail



Life on the Trail

- Those on the journey faced many dangers:
 - Inexperience
 - Disease
 - Starvation
 - Harsh Weather
 - Unfriendly Natives
- Thousands died before ever reaching their goal.



Brief Look at Territorial Acquisitions

Original 13 colonies

Northwest Territory

Louisiana Purchase

Florida

Texas Annexation

Oregon Territory



Welcome to
Texas





Spanish Missions in Texas



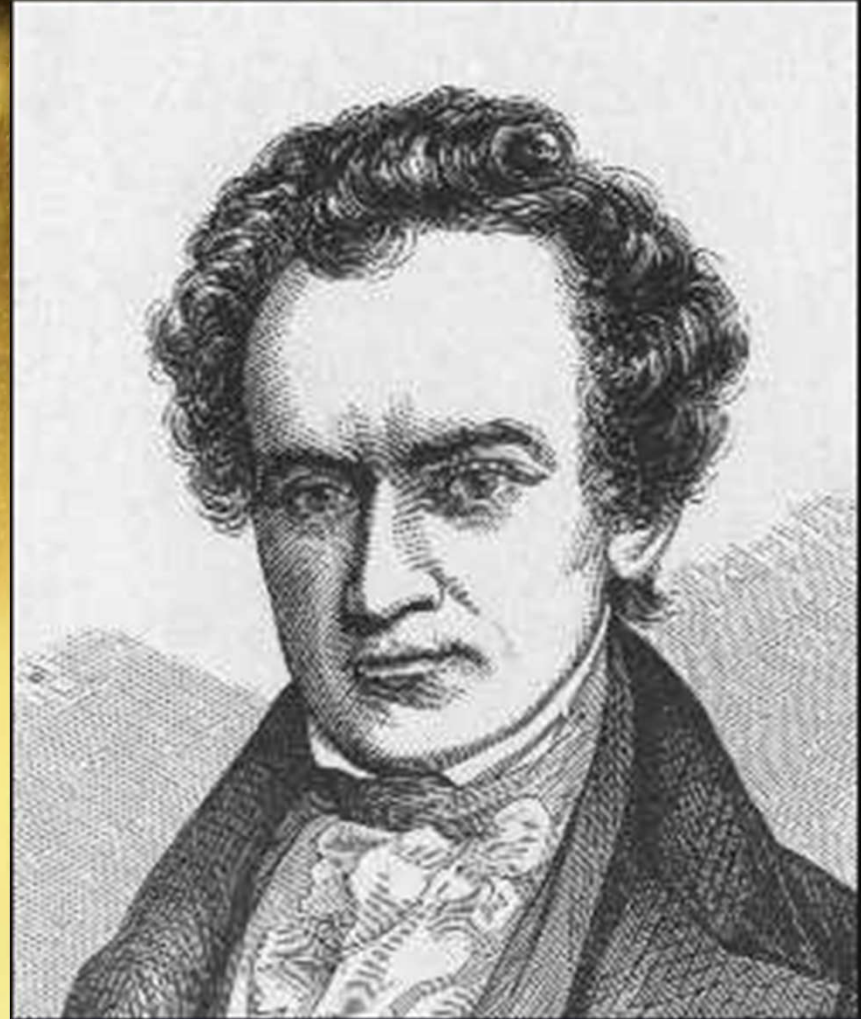
Tejanos

- 1820- only 4,000 Tejanos, Texans of Spanish heritage live in Texas
- The Spanish government tried to attract Spanish settlers to Texas, but very few came
- 1821- Mexico gains independence from Spain



Stephen Austin

- Organized a colony
- All Americans had to do was follow Spanish law

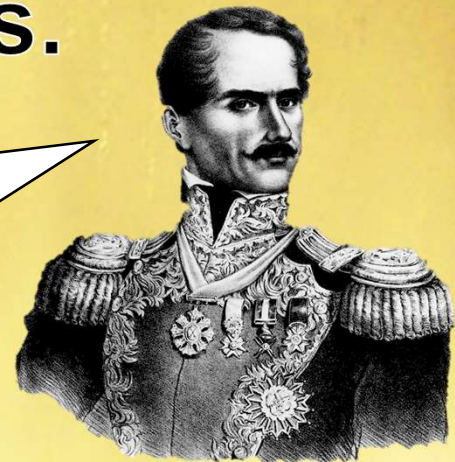


Texas

- Controlled by Spain for hundreds of years
- Encouraged settlement by offering cheap land.
- When Mexico became independent they added a few demands.



Dear Americans, Please
come live in Texas to
protect it from Indians.
Sincerely,
Mexico



White

AMERICANS

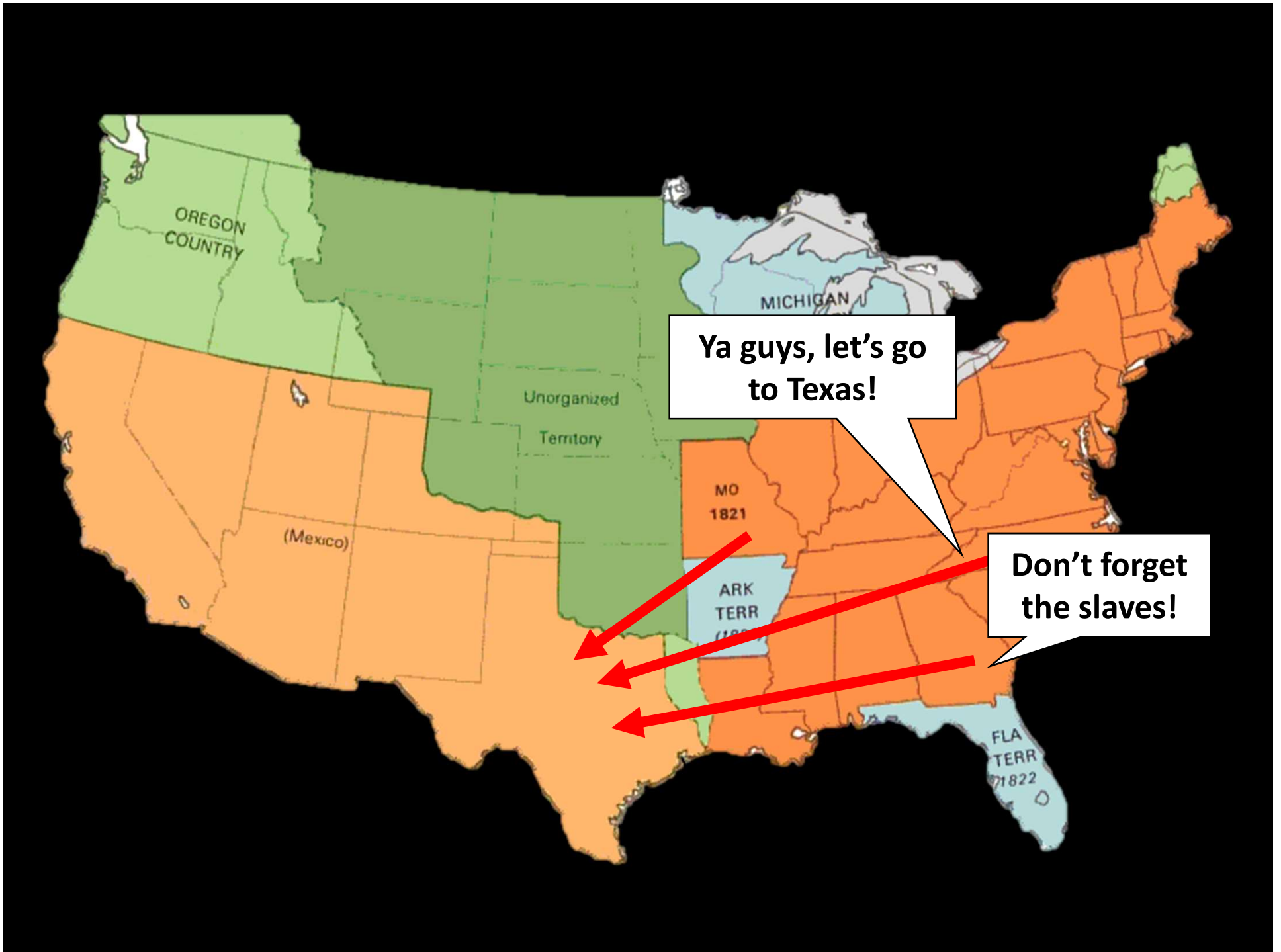


Mexico wants

YOU to settle Texas!

Cheap Land!

*must learn Spanish, become a Mexican citizen,
convert to Catholicism and get rid of your slaves



Ya guys, let's go to Texas!

Don't forget the slaves!

Tensions begin to Rise

- In 1829, the Mexican government outlawed slavery
- Americans didn't want to learn Spanish/follow Mexican law
- Very few settlers had converted to Catholicism



Texas

- 1000s of settlers came in, many with slaves
- Mexico responded by tightening laws and restricting freedoms.
- The settlers saw this as unfair and decided to fight for independence.
- The 1st major battle happened at the Alamo.



**Uh, no más, por favor.
Also, pay more taxes
and you don't get to
vote anymore.**



Hello, I'm your new leader. Antonio Lopez De Santa Anna. I think I will also get rid of the Mexican Constitution. Rights are for losers.



Hey, that's not cool man!

Si, sure little friend.
We are coming to
take back our
cannon.



NOW I'M REALLY
MAD. DON'T
MESS WITH
TEXAS BRAH!

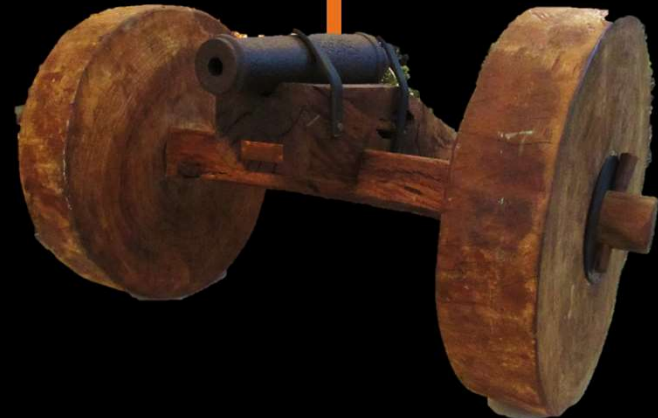


Gonzalez, Texas
October 2, 1835

Now you've
interrupted our
celebration of
Gandhi's birthday!
THIS IS WAR!

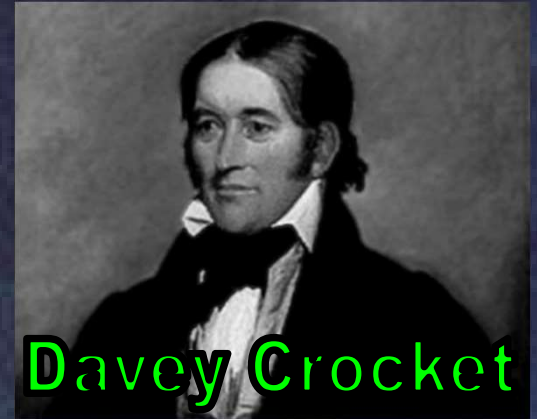
CASH ME OUSSIDE

HOWBOW DAH



The Alamo

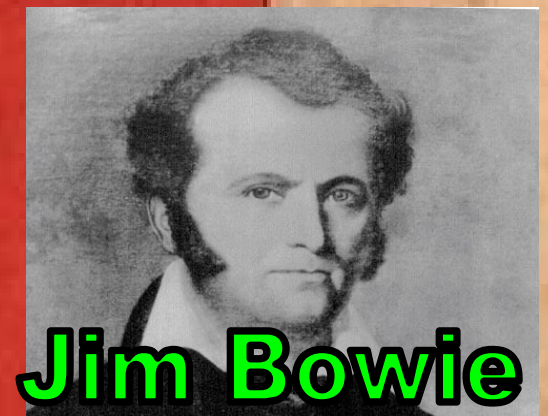
- Between 200 and 250 Mexican and American Volunteers gathered at the Alamo to stop Santa Anna's advance.
- Santa Anna, with about 2,400 men, put the Alamo under siege.
- Siege- a battle tactic where the enemy is surrounded and prevented from receiving supplies or reinforcements.



Davey Crocket



William Travis

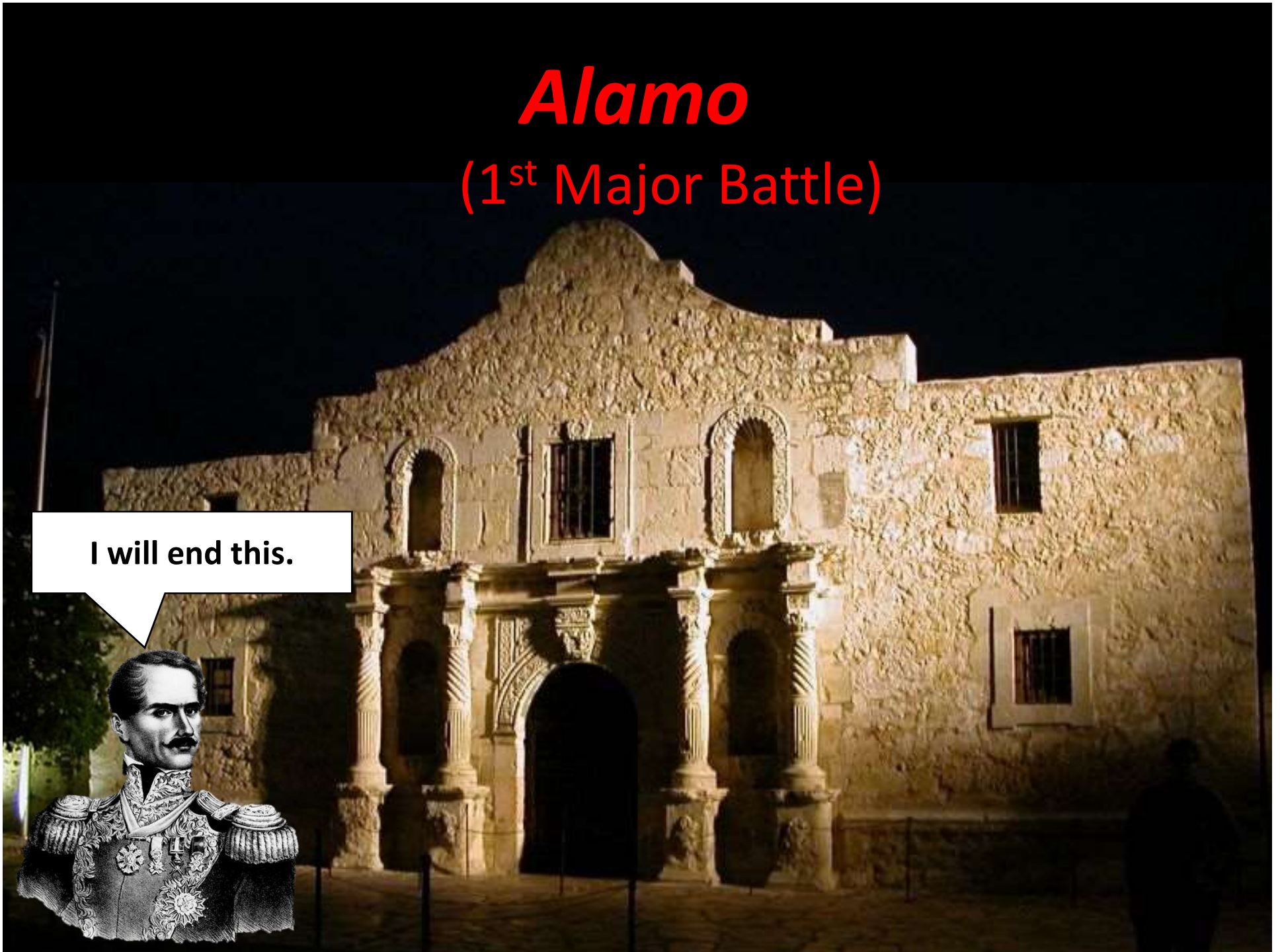


Jim Bowie

Alamo

(1st Major Battle)

I will end this.



Well, why didn't they just
blow up the dang thing?



I mean, they were trapped in
there right?



William Travis

I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism, and everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid with all dispatch... VICTORY OR DEATH.

The Alamo

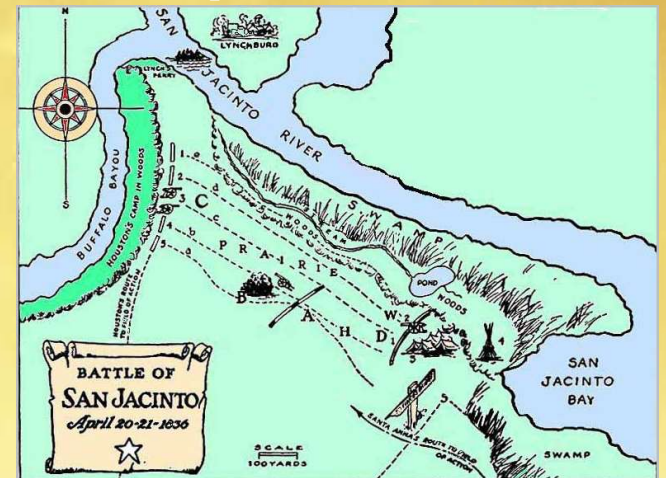
- Nearly all of the defenders were killed.
- “Remember the Alamo!” became a rallying cry.
- At Goliad more than 300 Texans taken prisoner and were executed by Santa Anna.



“The clothes of those massacred were stripped off the dead bodies. The women took the clothes to the river and washed out the blood of the men killed, so they could be used by the Mexicans. Eye witnesses, those spared from the massacre, were filling up a water barrel as they watched the river turn red with the blood of their companions.”

The Battle of San Jacinto

- 630 Mexican soldiers killed, 730 captured versus 9 Texans killed – in 18 minutes!
- Santa Anna captured the next day.
- Texas then recognized as an independent nation (though they hoped they would be annexed into the United States.)



General Santa Anna surrenders to General Houston



Lone Star Republic

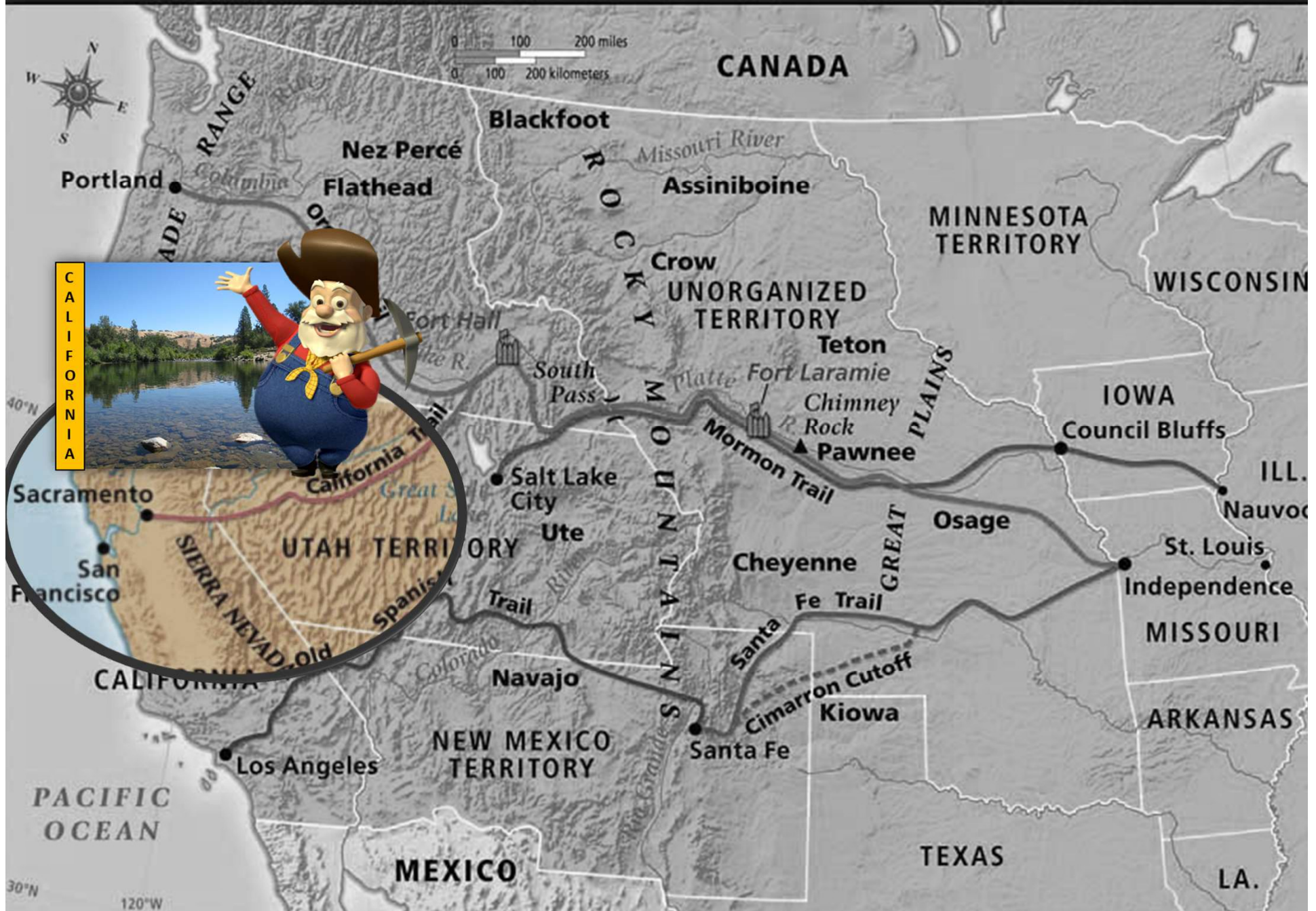
- In 1836, Texas declared itself the Lone Star Republic
- Sam Houston was elected president
- Some Americans wanted Texas to be part of the U.S.
- Some were afraid of Texas becoming a slave state, others were afraid of war with Mexico



Texas: 1836

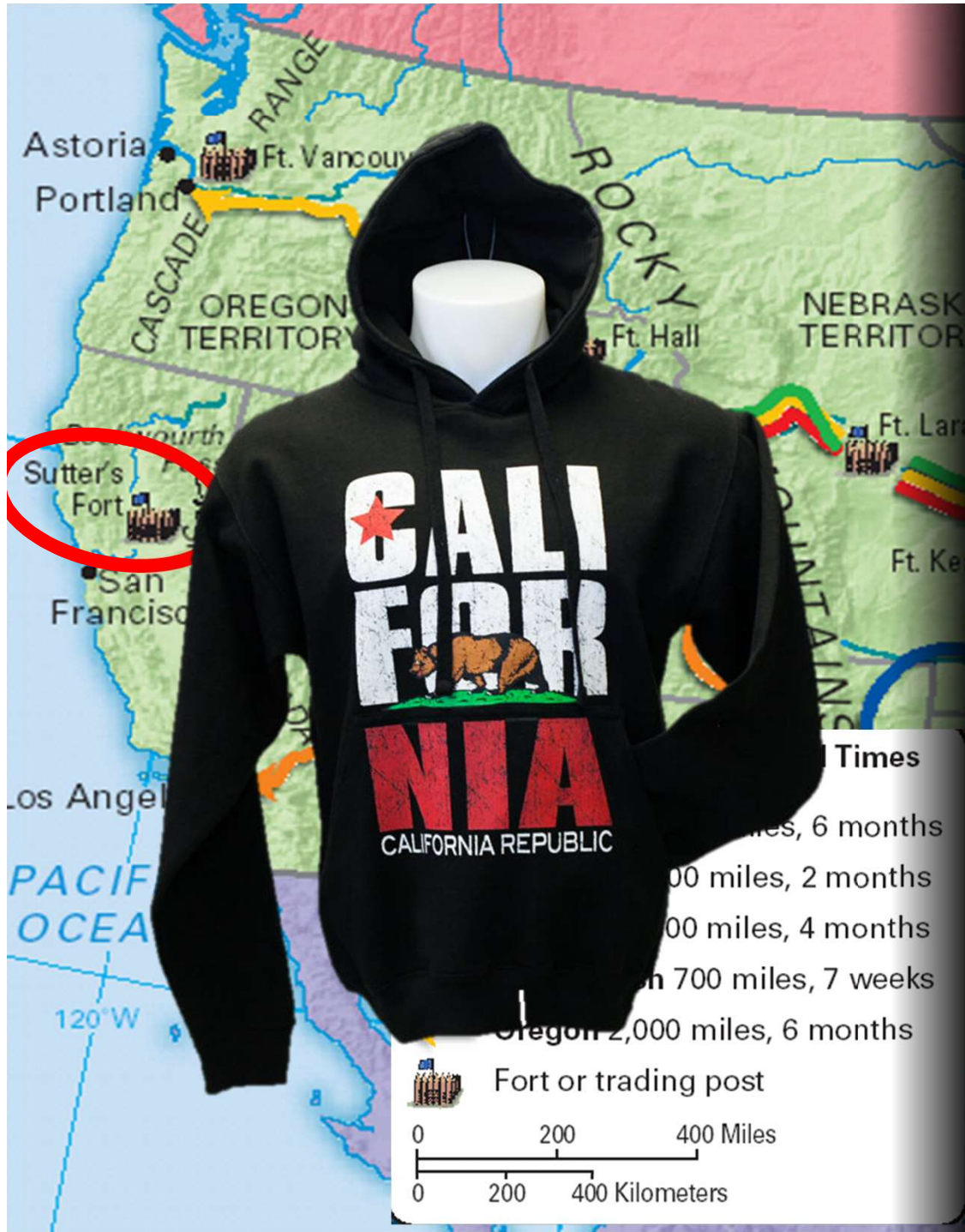


Going West



California

- John Sutter received permission to start a colony near the Sacramento River...
- It became a popular rest stop for travelers.
- In 1846 a small group rebelled against Mexico and formed the California Republic.



The Donner Party

- Were behind schedule so they decided to take a short cut.
- They got lost and stuck in a massive snow storm for 5 months.
- When they were finally rescued 42 of the 87 settlers had died.



"Remember, never take no cut-offs and hurry along as fast and you can."

*Virginia Reed
Donner Party Survivor*

**PRO-
TIP**

Brain Snack



Educated Guess

Use your brain to make your best guess on the following question.



**This team name is related to history.
What do you think it represents?**

SAN FRANCISCO

49ERS

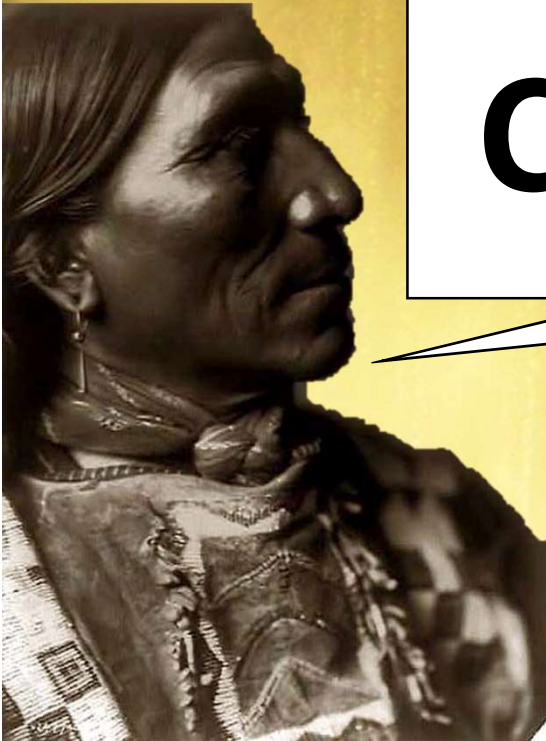


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The Gold Rush

- 1848: C

**HEY GUYS I
FOUND SOME
GOLD COME
CHECK THIS OUT!**



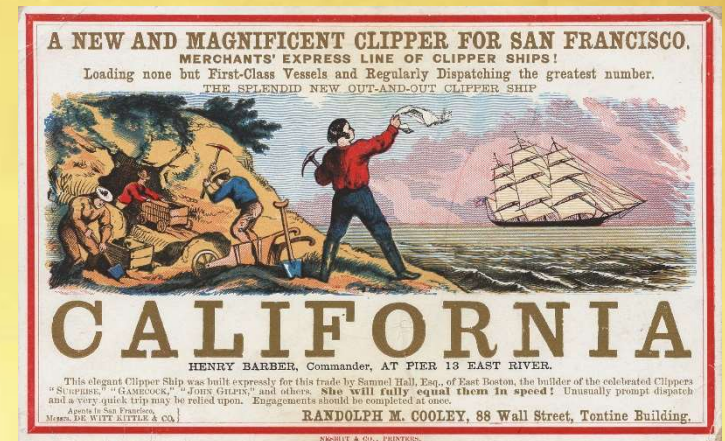
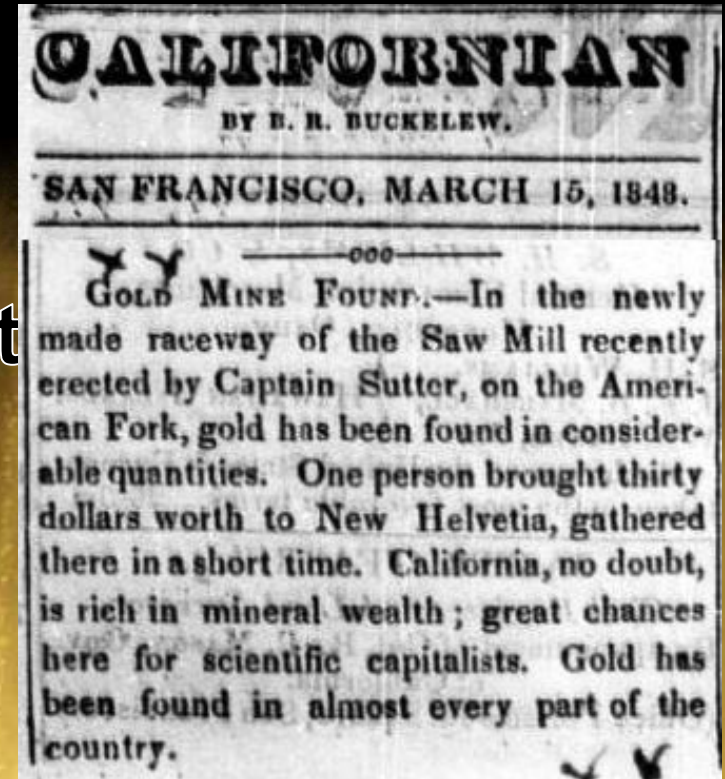
ourselves.

Well, shoot.



The Gold Rush

- 1848: Gold found near Sutter's Creek
- It was quickly reported in local newspapers.
- California's population exploded as people from all over the world caught "gold fever."





San Francisco, 1850 - Population: 25,000

Miner's Life

- Typically lived in tents, slept on cold wet ground.
- Poor nutrition and sanitation lead to much disease
- Most miners would never make it rich (but merchants did!)
- So did many women.



	1851
Beef	\$10.00
Butter	\$20.00
Cheese	\$25.00
Coffee beans	\$0.15
Crackers, in tins	\$0.15
Eggs	\$3.00
Flour	\$13.00
Oranges	\$0.15
Rice	\$8.00
Optional	
Boots	\$6.00
Flannel shirts	\$1.50
Blanket	\$5.00
Shovel	\$36.00



Miner's Life

Staking Claim
Panning
Winnowing

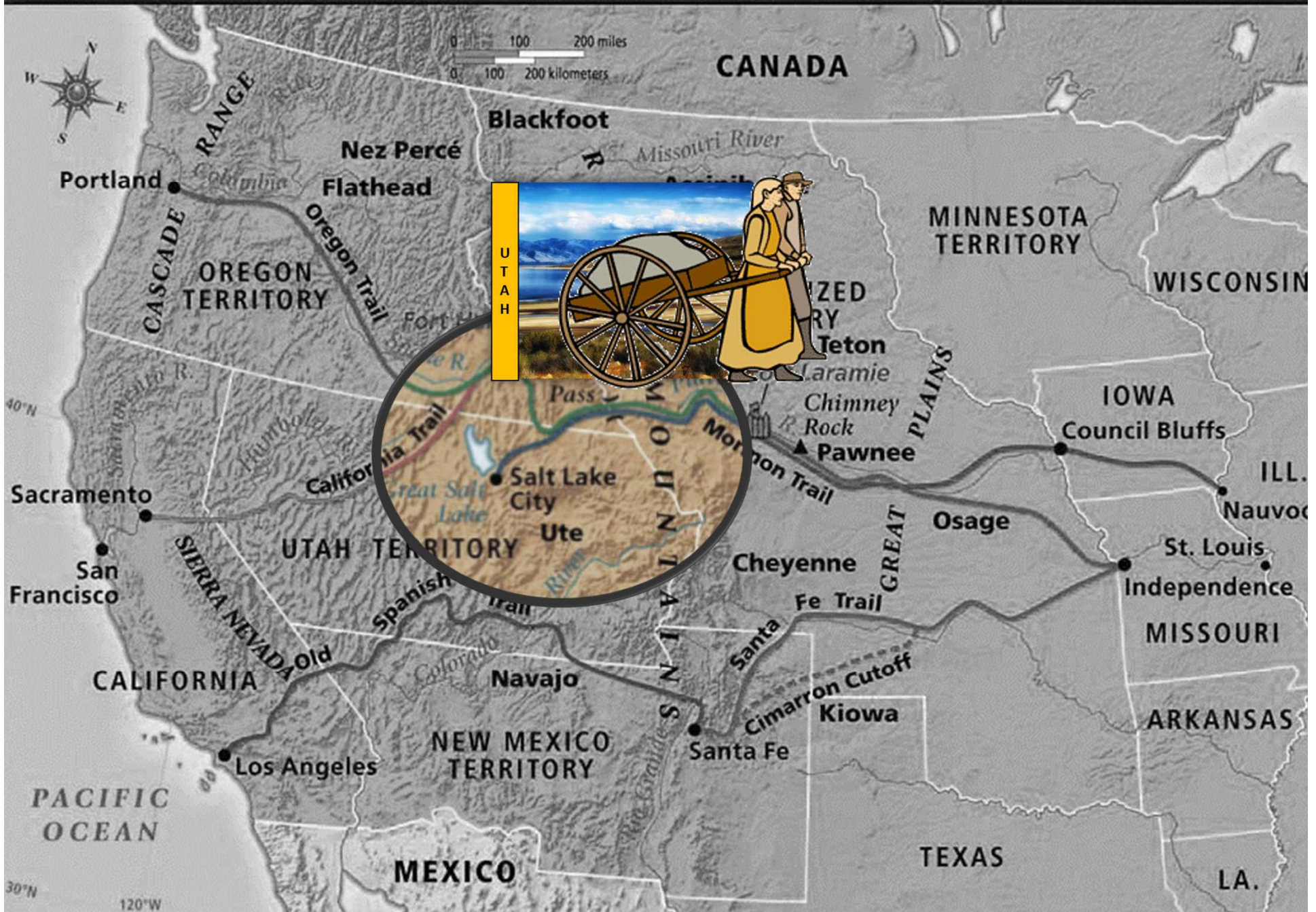
The Rocker
The Long Tom

California's Growth

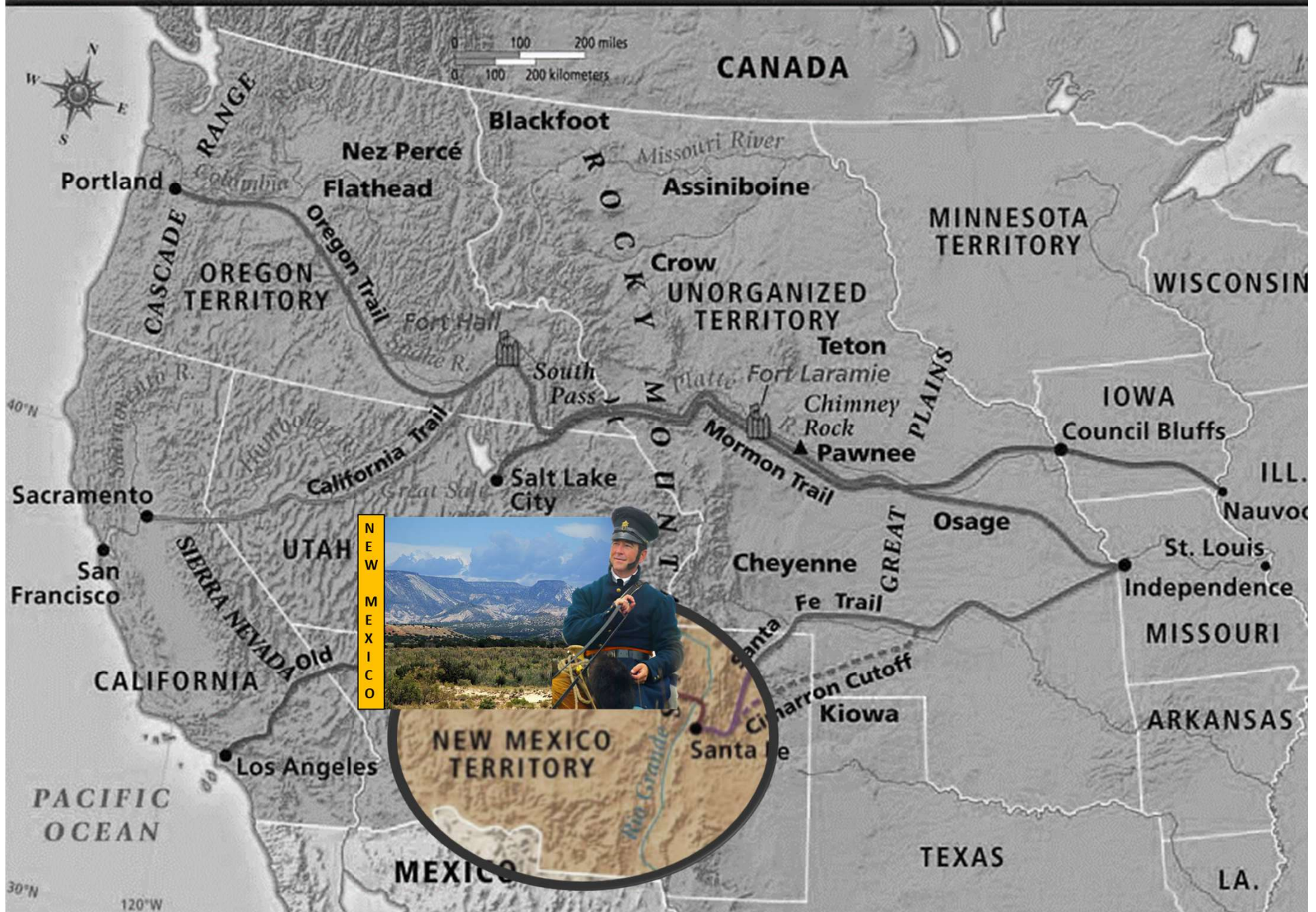


- California's population growth lead to rapid economic growth.
- It was quickly added as a state to the U.S.
- It was very isolated from the rest of the nation leading to the creation of railroads.

Going West



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From Jackson to Polk



Martin Van Buren
nicknamed
“Martin Van
Ruin.”



William Henry Harrison
1st president to die in
office.



John Tyler
Set precedent for
the Vice President
to take over the
office of the
president upon the
president's death



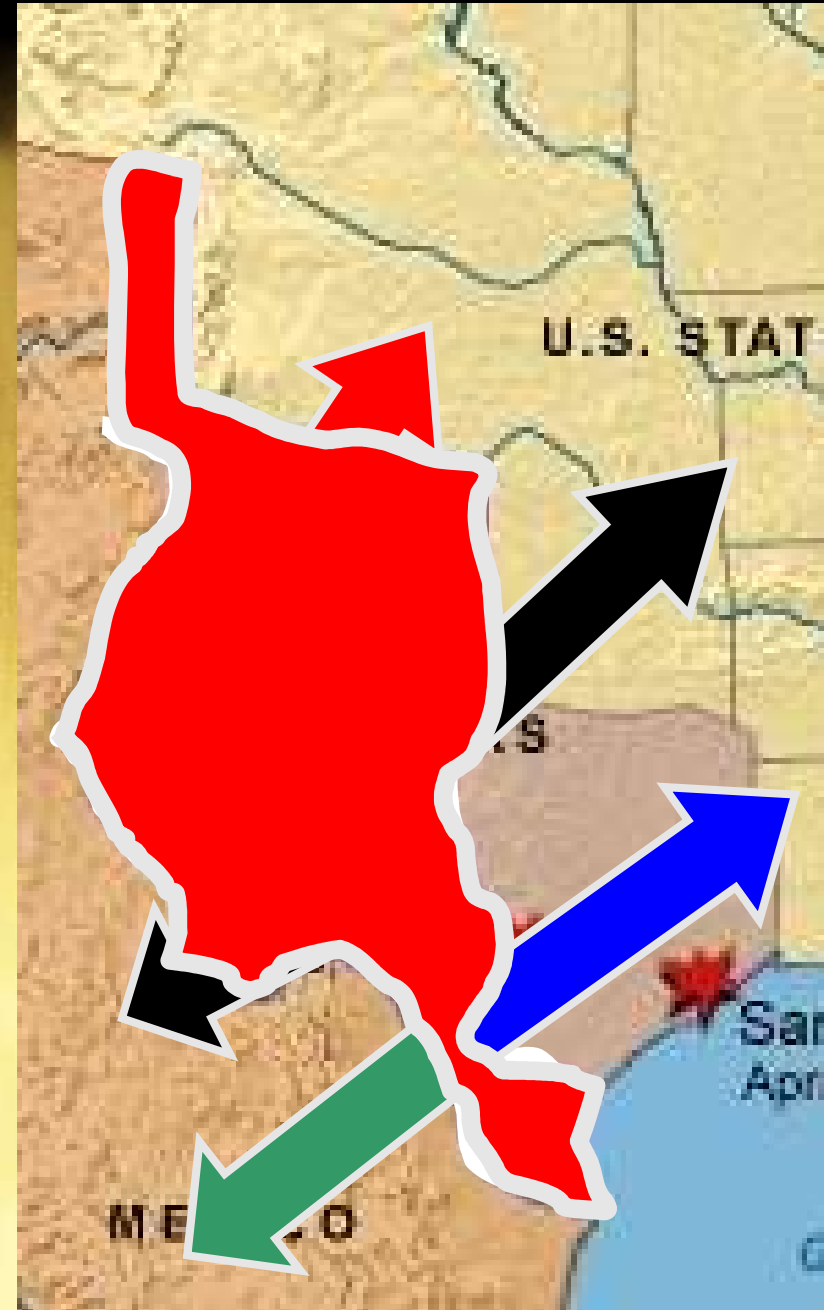
Annexations



- Annex: taking new states into a union without foreign support
- Texas annexed in 1845
- Oregon annexed in 1846 (but not quite “all” of it)

Boundary Dispute

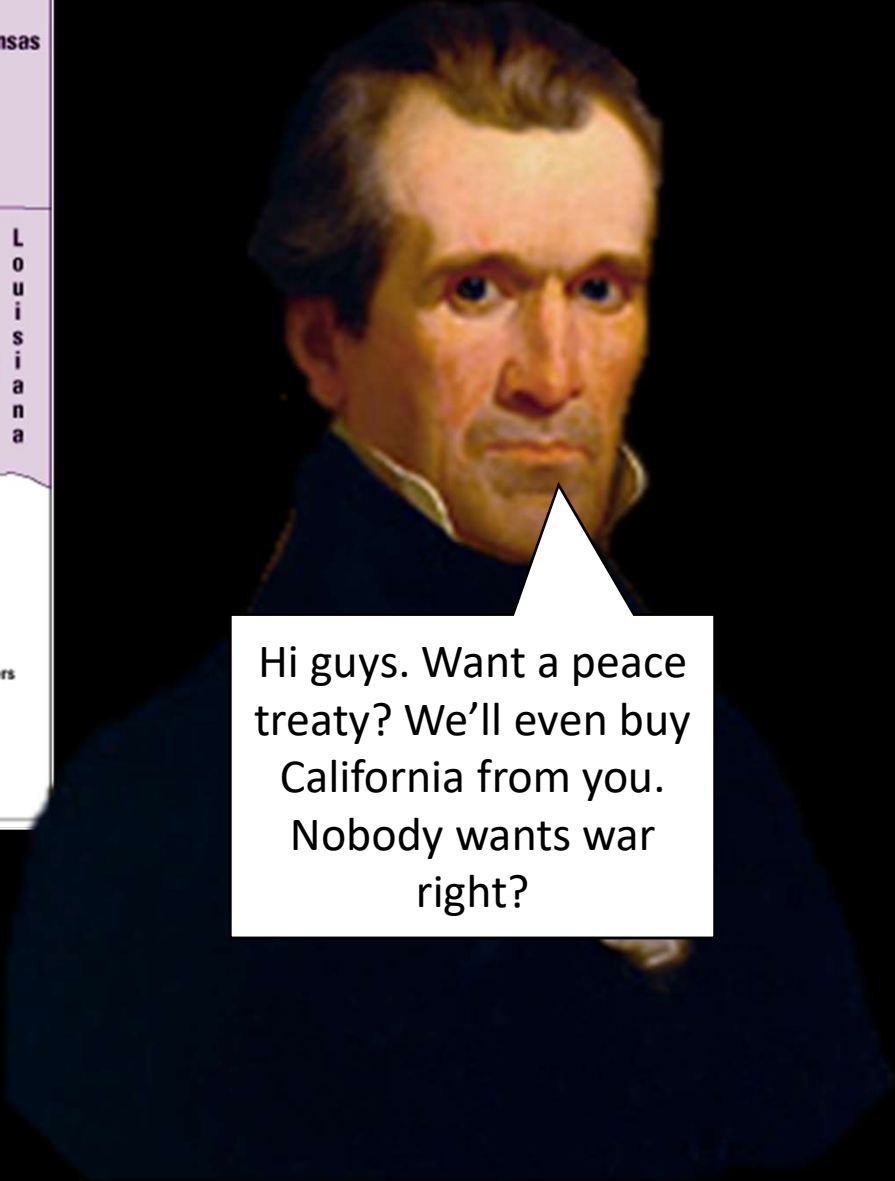
- The United States and Mexico could not agree on their border.
- Texas claimed the Rio Grande.
- Mexico claimed the Nueces.







Oh sweet, sure...
Hey! Wait a minute,
you can't trick us
that easily.



Hi guys. Want a peace
treaty? We'll even buy
California from you.
Nobody wants war
right?



Seems legit.

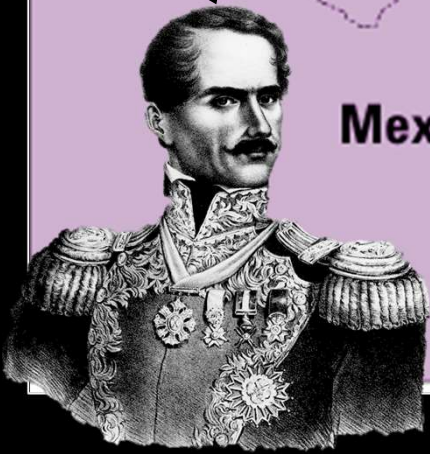
Well howdy America!
Those jerks kicked me
out. Help me back in
and I'll trick them into
giving up.

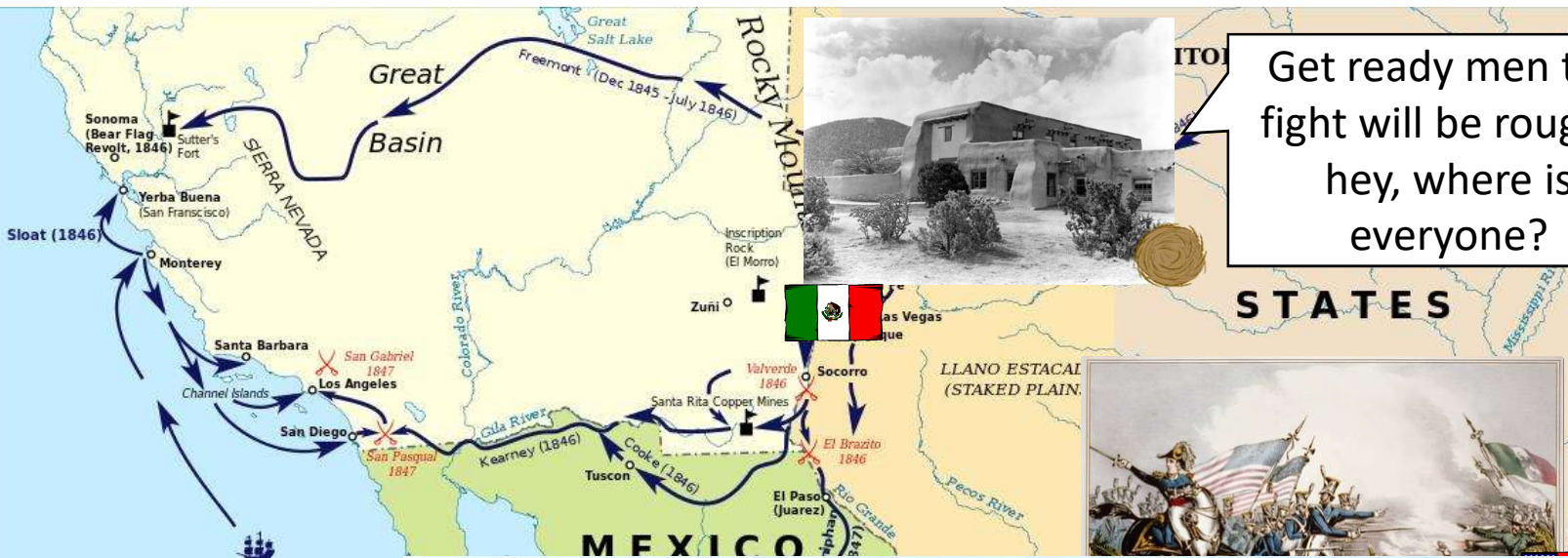
Beunos Dias Mexico! I am
your former president
Santa Anna. Bring me back
and I will stop these
Americans and totally
won't be president.





Yay! I am back! Now I declare myself president. Let's kill some Americans!





PACIFIC
OCEAN

THE MEXICAN 1846-1848

○ City, Town or Settlement	Disputed Territory
■ Fort	Mexico Territory
--- Boundaries	United States Territory
✂ Monterey 1846 Battle Site	United States Territory After Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- - - U.S. Naval Blockade	Warfare
	→ US forces
	→ Mexico

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0 8 (miles)



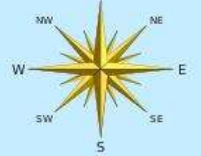


Guadalupe Hidalgo

Monterrey 1846 Battle Site
 US forces
 Mexican forces

U.S. Naval Blockade

0 ——— (km) ——— 800
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Sloat (1846)
(Via Cape Horn)



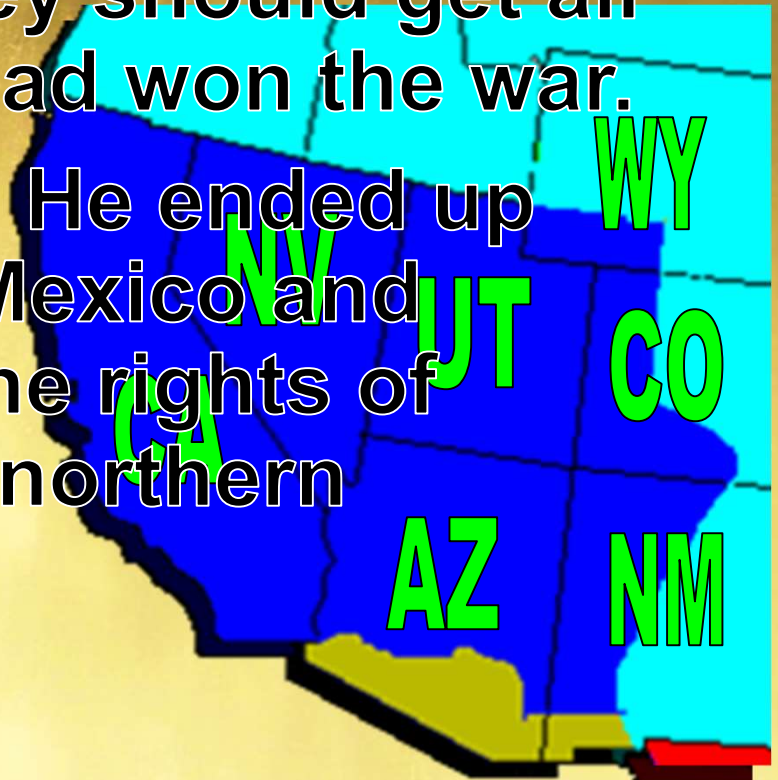
Mexican American War

- Mexico killed some US soldiers in the disputed territory.
- Polk used this to get a declaration of war.
- The US invaded Mexico and fought many tough battles in Texas, New Mexico, California and Mexico.
- They eventually reached Mexico City and began the final battle.



The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

- Ended the war and forced Mexico to give up much of its northern territory.
- Some in the US felt they should get all of Mexico since they had won the war.
- Polk did not want that. He ended up paying \$15 million to Mexico and promising to protect the rights of Mexicans living in the northern territory.



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