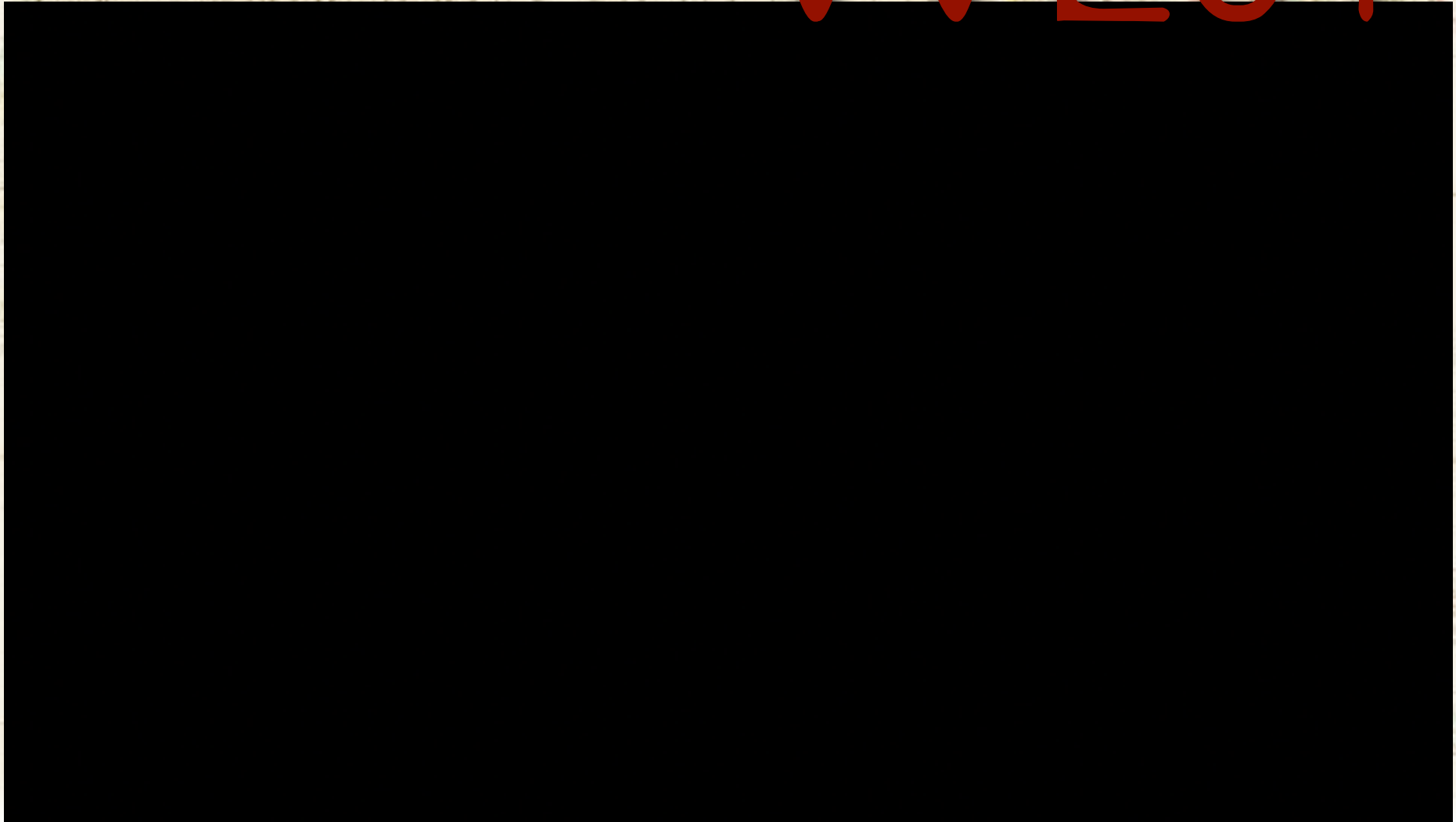


***ANALYSIS:*** TRAVELING  
WEST



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***UNITED STATES***

*HISTORY*

**with Mr. Willis**

UNIT 1.18

MANIFEST

DESTINY



# MANIFEST DESTINY

THE BELIEF THAT THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE  
**PRE-DETERMINED BY GOD**  
TO **ACQUIRE** AND **SETTLE**  
ALL THE LAND WEST TO  
THE **PACIFIC OCEAN**

✓ LED TO A **MASS MIGRATION**  
WEST TO **ACQUIRE LAND,**  
**ECONOMIC MOBILITY,** AND  
**SOCIO-ECONOMIC FREEDOM**



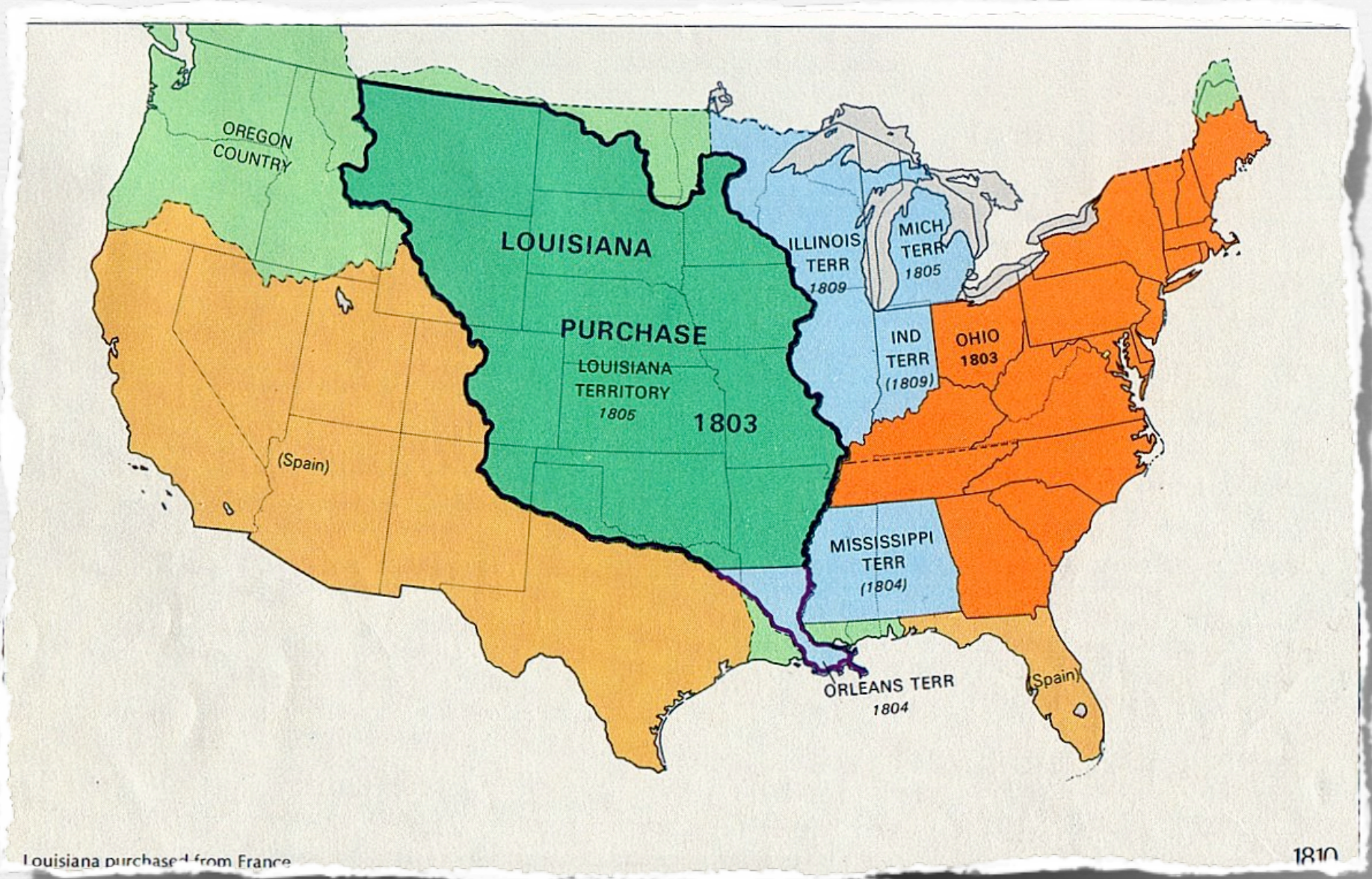
**LET'S ANALYZE...**

**mIGRaTION FOR  
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# JEFFERSON'S LOUISIANA PURCHASE



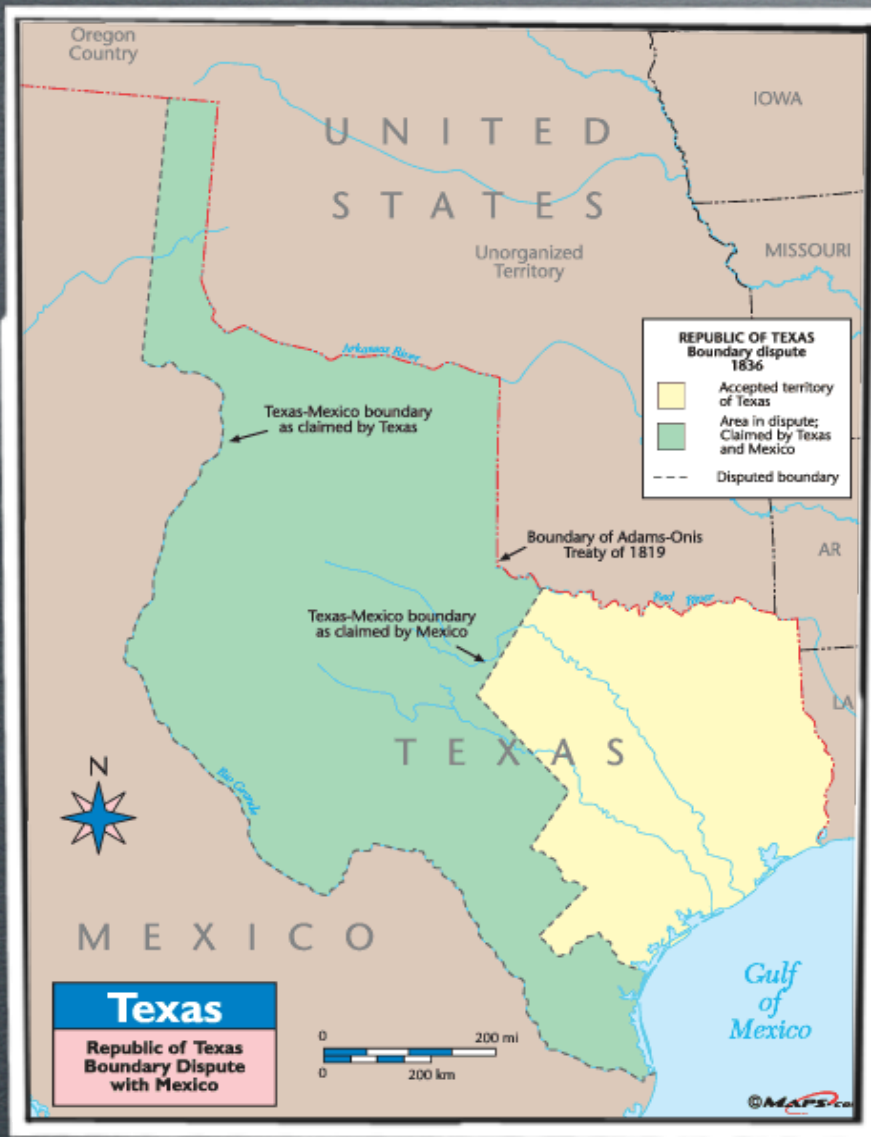
# JEFFERSON'S LOUISIANA PURCHASE



Louisiana purchased from France

1810

# SETTLERS & WESTERN LANDS



Settlers followed trails on covered wagons to find their new homes & farms

OREGON, SANTA FE, CALIFORNIA, OLD SPANISH TRAILS

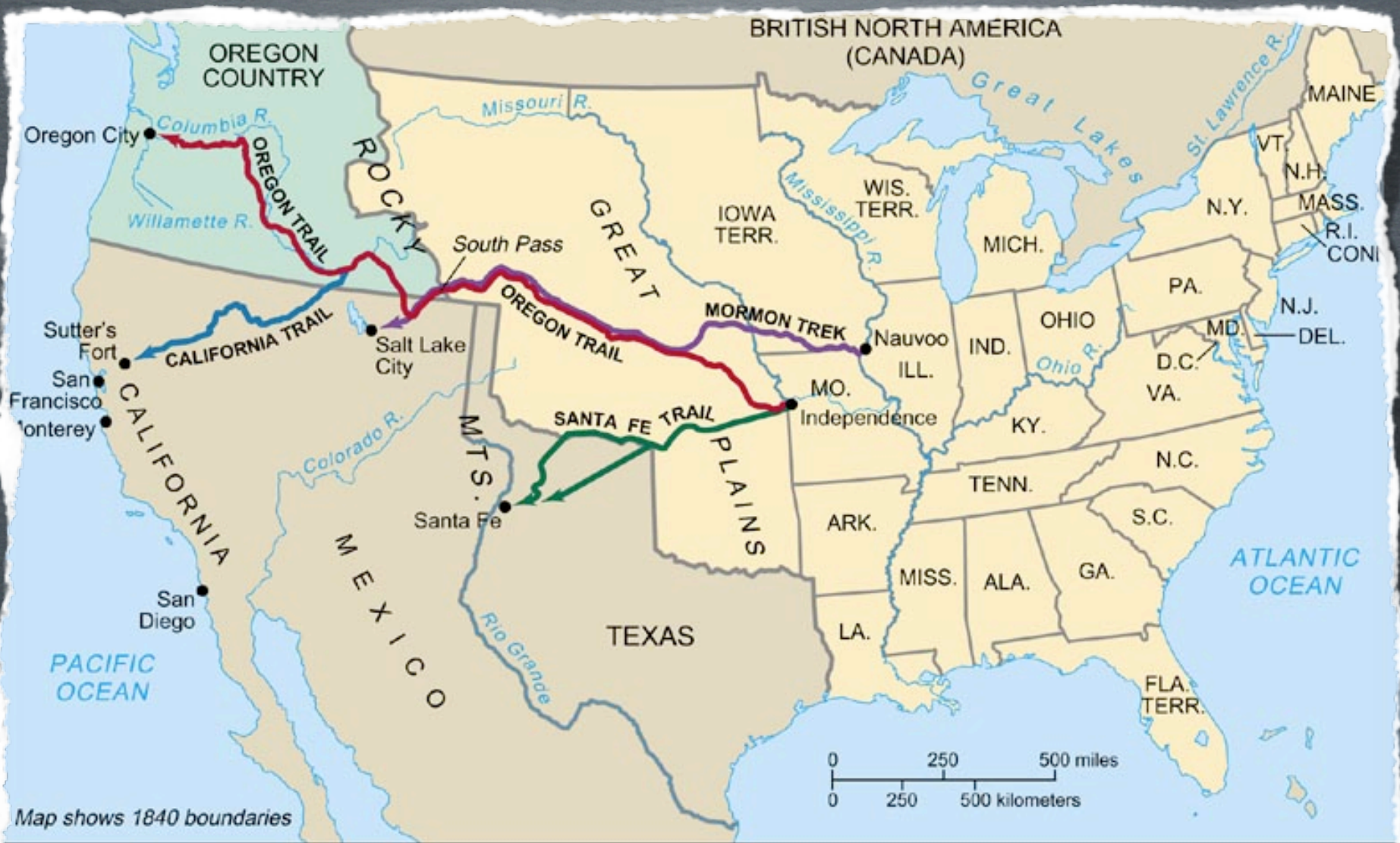
## TEXAS

Mexico opens Texas territory to Americans to help settle the land  
AMERICANS BRING SLAVES W/ THEM, BUT MEXICO OPPOSES & CLOSES IT BORDERS  
IT'S TOO LATE, & AMERICANS POUR IN  
REVOLT AGAINST MEXICO

Texans declare independence & Texas Republic applies for statehood in the United States

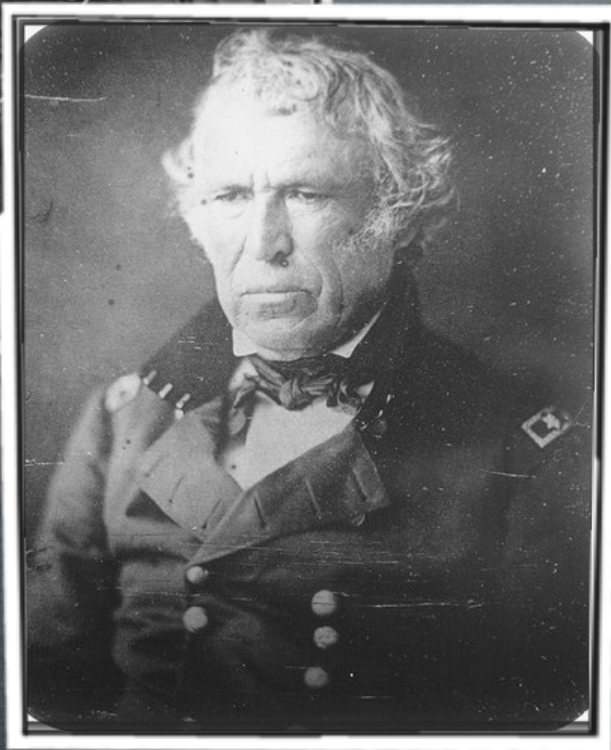


# 1800s- TRAILBLAZING WEST



Map shows 1840 boundaries

# US WAR WITH MEXICO



Shortly after, **US declares war** ON Mexico over territorial tensions **PARTLY TO PROTECT TEXANS, PARTLY TO SATISFY WAR HAWKS IN CONGRESS**

America **EASILY** defeats Mexico IN 2 years

**GENS. SCOTT & TAYLOR INVADE MEXICO**  
**CALIFORNIA MILITANTS RISE UP**

Spills - Mexican Cession

**LANDS OF CA, NV, NM, AZ, TX, UT**

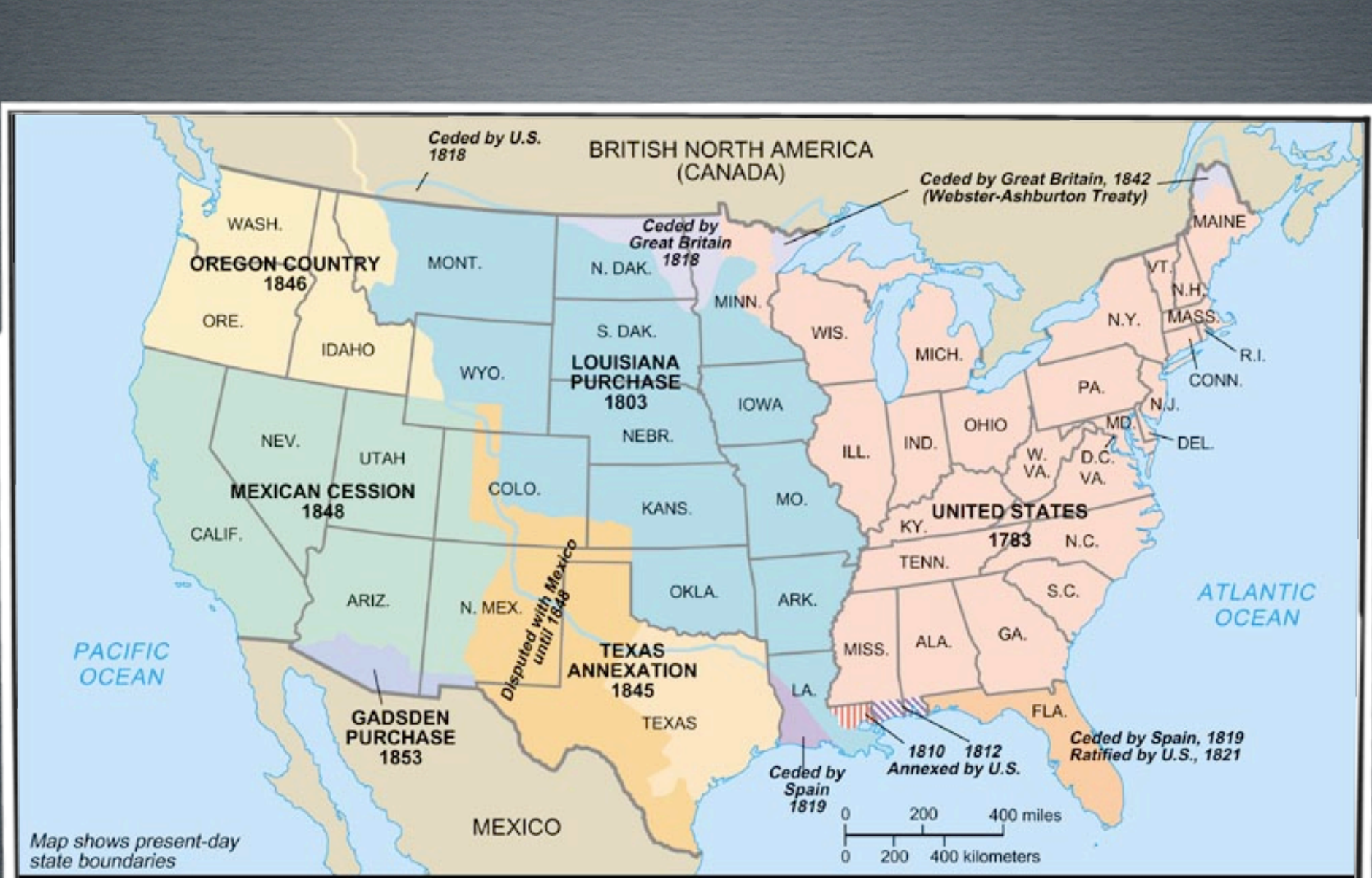
Mexican power is **diminished**

**US BECOMES DOMINANT IN N. AMERICA**



THE MEXICAN WAR, 1846-1848





Map shows present-day state boundaries

**TERRITORIAL EXPANSION BY THE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY**

**LET'S ANALYZE...**

**mIGRaTION FOR  
eCOnomICS**

# NEW BEGINNINGS / NEW WEALTH



Land abundance, economic panic in East led to massive migration West  
Farmers, merchants trekked dangerous trails for land, new markets

## The California Gold Rush

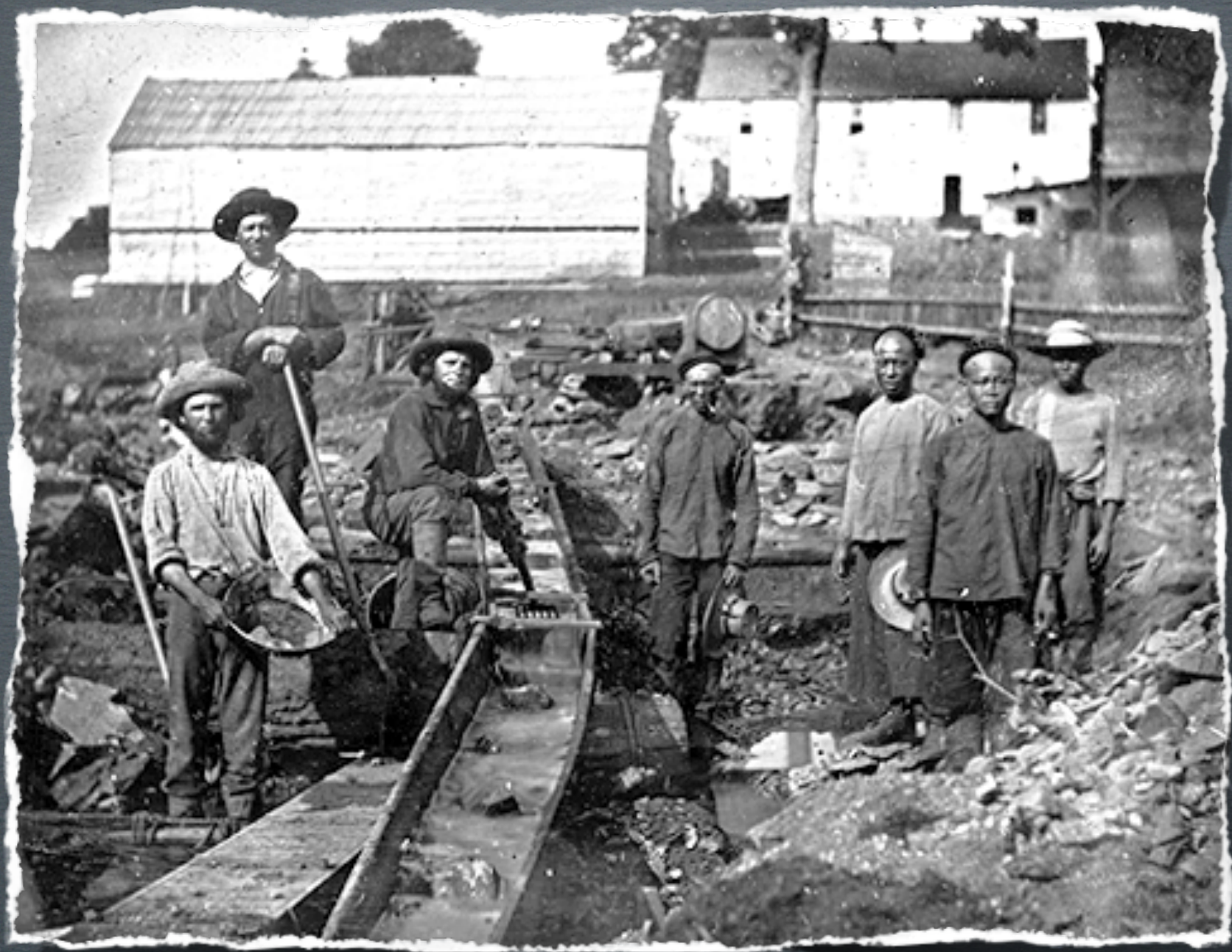
John C. Fremont led an expedition to Mexican-controlled California thru force, Fremont and settlers declared independence

claim the "Bear Flag Republic"

2 years later, gold is discovered  
thousands migrate west for vast riches ("Golden State")







**LET'S ANALYZE...**

**mIGRaTION FOR  
RELIGION**

# CHANCE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



**Methodist** MISSIONARIES blazed the  
**Oregon Trail**

PLANNED TO CONVERT WESTERN INDIANS

The **MORMON** Migration

**MORMONS** FACE VICIOUS PERSECUTION IN  
EAST FOR THEIR BELIEFS

LED BY JOSEPH SMITH, THEY TRAVELED  
TO IL WHERE SMITH WAS **MURDERED**

NEW LEADER **BRIGHAM YOUNG** LED THEM  
WEST TO THE **GREAT SALT LAKE**



The **MORMONS** settle "**Deseret**" IN  
MODERN day Utah

LAND WHERE THEY COULD LIVE AND  
WORSHIP FREE FROM PERSECUTION

# MANIFEST DESTINY

The **IMPORTANCE** of the  
**movement**

**EXPANDED AMERICAN SOCIETY, CULTURE, GOVERNMENT BY**

SPREADING **AMERICANS** FROM **COAST** TO **COAST**

**GOVERNMENT ACTION** TO **EXPAND TERRITORY**

SETTLEMENTS OUT WEST **SPREAD RELIGION** AND CREATE  
**NEW MARKETS**

REINFORCING **AMERICAN SELF-DETERMINATION**