

# CH 13

# Manifest

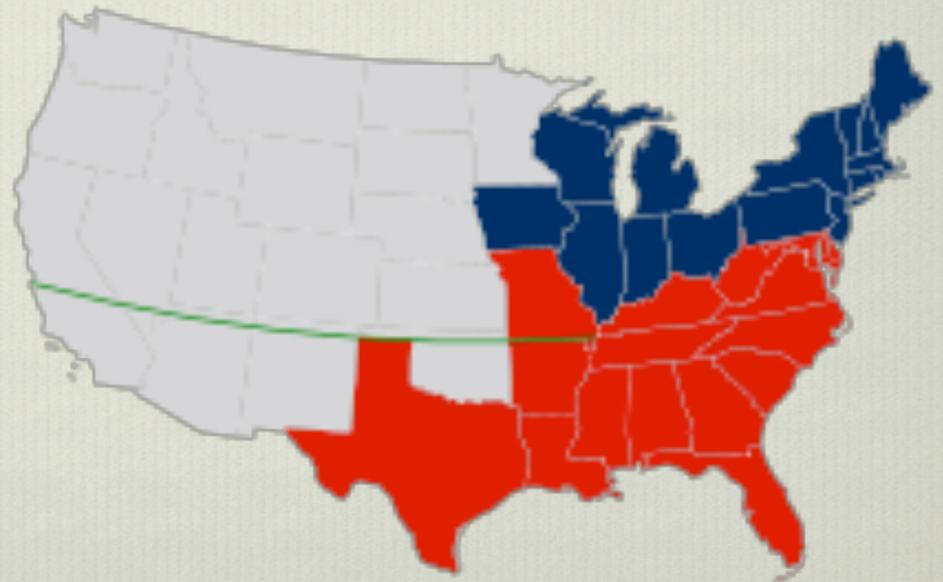
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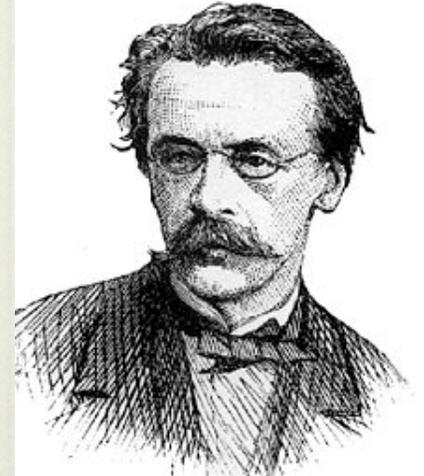
# New Lands

- ❖ BIG IDEA: Gov't wants to encourage settlement in West but...

.....New lands **bring the issue of slavery to the front again...** and again... and again

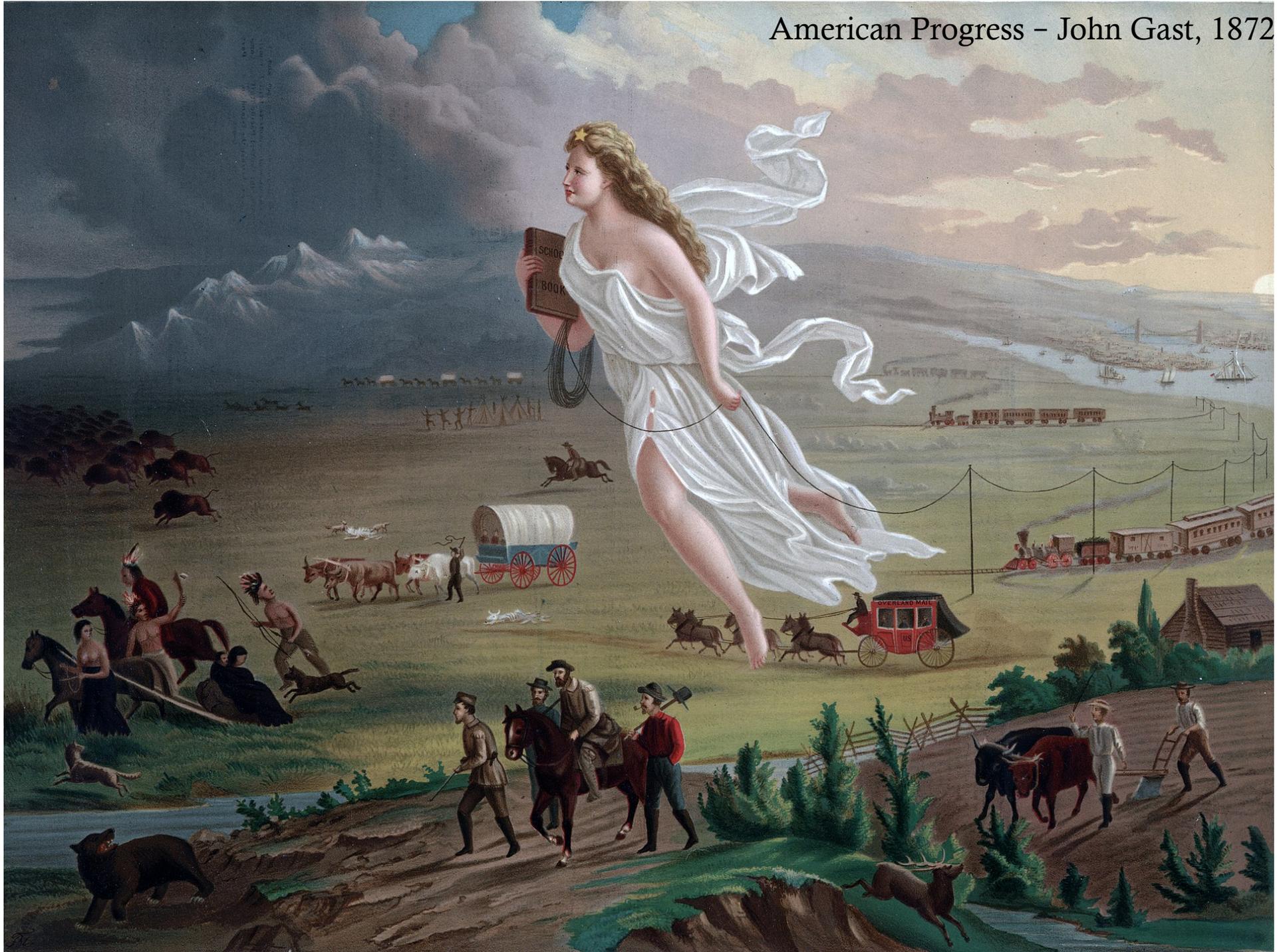


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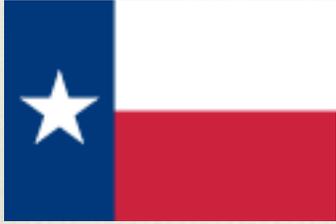


- ❖ Belief that it was **our destiny** to **possess the entire continent** from “sea to shining sea”
- ❖ First coined by newspaper editor John L. O’Sullivan
- ❖ “And that claim is by the right of our manifest destiny to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federated self-government entrusted to us.”

American Progress - John Gast, 1872







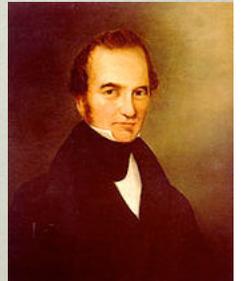
# TEXAS



- ❖ US agreed to **drop any claims to Texas** in the Adams-Onis **treaty**
- ❖ But **Spain** wanted Texas to grow so it offered **large land grants** - **US Settlers** begin drifting into Tejas as early as 1820 (Austin family – today's Texas capitol named for them)
- ❖ **Mexican** independence in 1821 meant **Texas no longer Spanish territory** but Mexican

**Tejanos:** Mexicans who claimed Texas as home – did not think of selves as Mexican

- ❖ **Big Idea:** **By 1830 Americans in Texas outnumbered Mexicans**
- ❖ Mexico stopped all immigration and trade w/US to rebalance population which angered Texans



# General Santa Anna



- ❖ “Napoleon of the West”
- ❖ **Overthrew** Mexican Constitution and dissolved its congress **to become** President (really **dictator**) of Mexico in 1833 (would remain for 22 years)
- ❖ Put Texas under **greater Mexican control** when they wanted **less control**
- ❖ Texas **revolted**, declaring itself **independent**

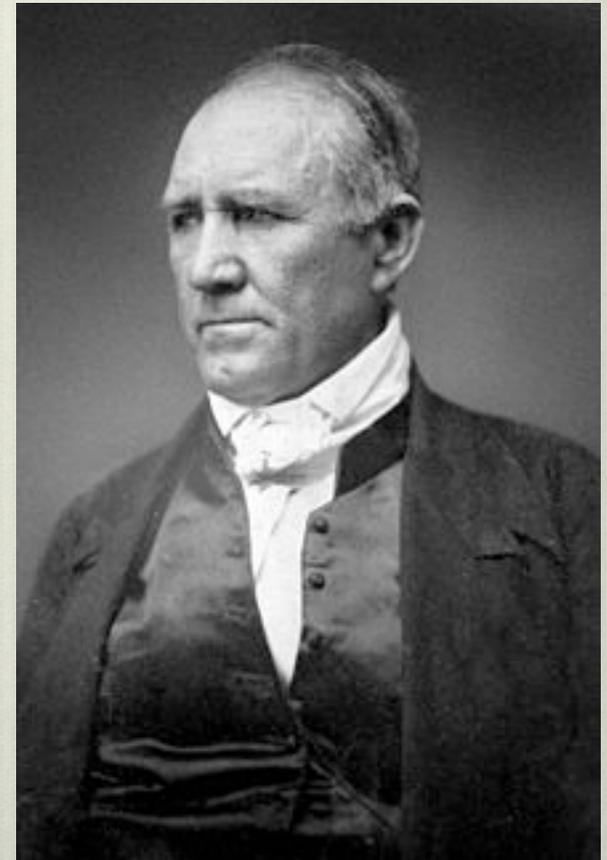
# Battle of the Alamo



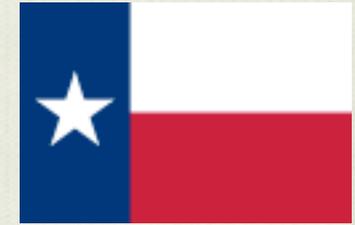
- ❖ General Santa Anna **advances on San Antonio** with Army
- ❖ Small group of Texans (between 185-260) **barricade themselves** inside a Catholic **mission named The Alamo**
- ❖ 12 day **siege** in which **all Texans killed** (including Americans Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie) – but “fought like devils”
- ❖ The **loss** at the **Alamo** became an important **rallying cry** in future victories,

# War for Texas Independence

- ❖ **Sam Houston** commander in chief
- ❖ Massacre at **Goliad** – Santa **Anna** executes about **400** volunteer **Texas militia** men
- ❖ **Battle of San Jacinto: (Huge Victory)**  
Sam Houston's forces attacks during siesta yelling "**Remember the Alamo – Remember Goliad**" his 900 men kill 630 and capture 730 more... **Santa Anna himself captured**
- ❖ **Mexico:** Strength 1,360 - 630 killed, 208 wounded, 730 captured
- ❖ **Texas:** Strength 910- 9 killed, 30 wounded



# Lone Star Republic



- ❖ Prisoner of war Santa Anna **signs treaty recognizing Texas independence** (no choice)
- ❖ **Sam Houston** elected as **President of Texas**
- ❖ Houston asked both US Presidents Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren **to allow Texas into US** but they **refused** (balance of slave/free states in Congress)
- ❖ However, Texas **later “annexed”** in 1845 with strong feeling of Manifest Destiny and became 28<sup>th</sup> **state**
- ❖ **Florida** had joined earlier in 1845 as the **27<sup>th</sup> state**

# Oregon Country

**Four nations** originally laid claim...  
United States, Spain, Russia, and  
Britain

- ❖ **U.S. wanted Oregon country**
- ❖ **Spain gave up rights in Adams-Onis treaty**
- ❖ **Russia gave up on everything south of Alaska**
- ❖ **Britain – agreed to joint occupation w/US – eventually divided at 49° N**



# Settling Oregon

- ❖ **Mountain Men** (early 1800s) - the earliest settlers of the Oregon country came to **trap beaver**
- ❖ **Oregon Fever** (1840s)
  - Reports of the **fertile farmland** spread
  - **Panic/depression of 1837** motivated Americans to move west
  - US settlers filled in they **quickly out numbered the British** so...Who owns it? Will the joint occupation continue to work?

# Oregon Trail

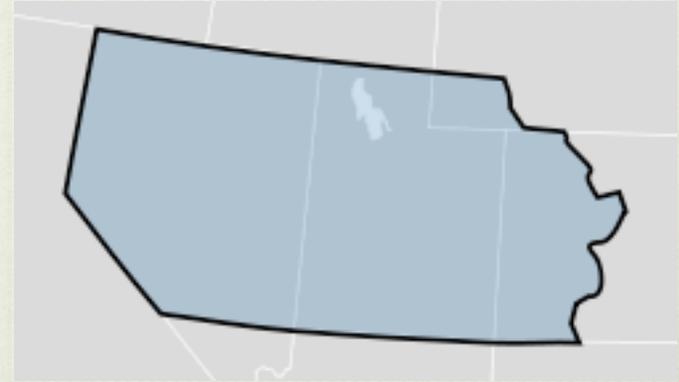
- The Oregon Trail - **2000 miles by covered wagon**
- **5000 settlers** between 1840 and 1860
- **“Fifty-four Forty or fight!”** President Polk’s slogan
- But President Polk **settled with Britain for 49°** in 1846 and **avoided a war**



# Trails West



# Utah Territory



- ❖ Forced out of NY, **Joseph Smith** takes his **Mormons west** to Illinois
- ❖ Smith **killed by angry mob** in Illinois
- ❖ In 1846 **Brigham Young** leads an eventual **15,000 Mormons west to Utah**
- ❖ One of the **largest mass migrations** in US history
- ❖ Became **US Territory** in 1848 via Mexican Cession

# New Mexico Territory

- ❖ All the land **between Texas and California...** basically New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah and parts of Colorado and Wyoming
- ❖ **Became US Territory in 1848** after the **Mexican-American War**



# California

- ❖ This was the **real prize** in Mexican Territory
- ❖ Gave **clear land passage** to Pacific
- ❖ Good for shipping (trade w/ Asia)
- ❖ Safety of being bordered by **oceans on both sides**
- ❖ Manifest Destiny would be complete



# Mr. Polk's War

- ❖ Polk twice **offered to buy** NM and CA territories from Mexico - both times refused
- ❖ **Polk's Plan** was **to provoke Mexico into war** (justifiable to Congress)
  - **Thornton Affair**: sent Zachary Taylor to **build fort in disputed Texas** area between Rio Grande and Nueces rivers
  - Mexican soldiers **attacked a small group** of Taylor's men - Taylor reported... "Hostilities may now be considered as commenced."
- ❖ Polk now had the war he wanted – **war declared by Congress**, but many Americans against this war

# Thornton Affair



# The War with Mexico, 1846–1848

What can you conclude about the Mexican-American war from this map?



# Mexican – American War

## ❖ Polk's **three goals** for the war with Mexico

1 - Drive Mexican forces out of the disputed border region in Texas and secure border

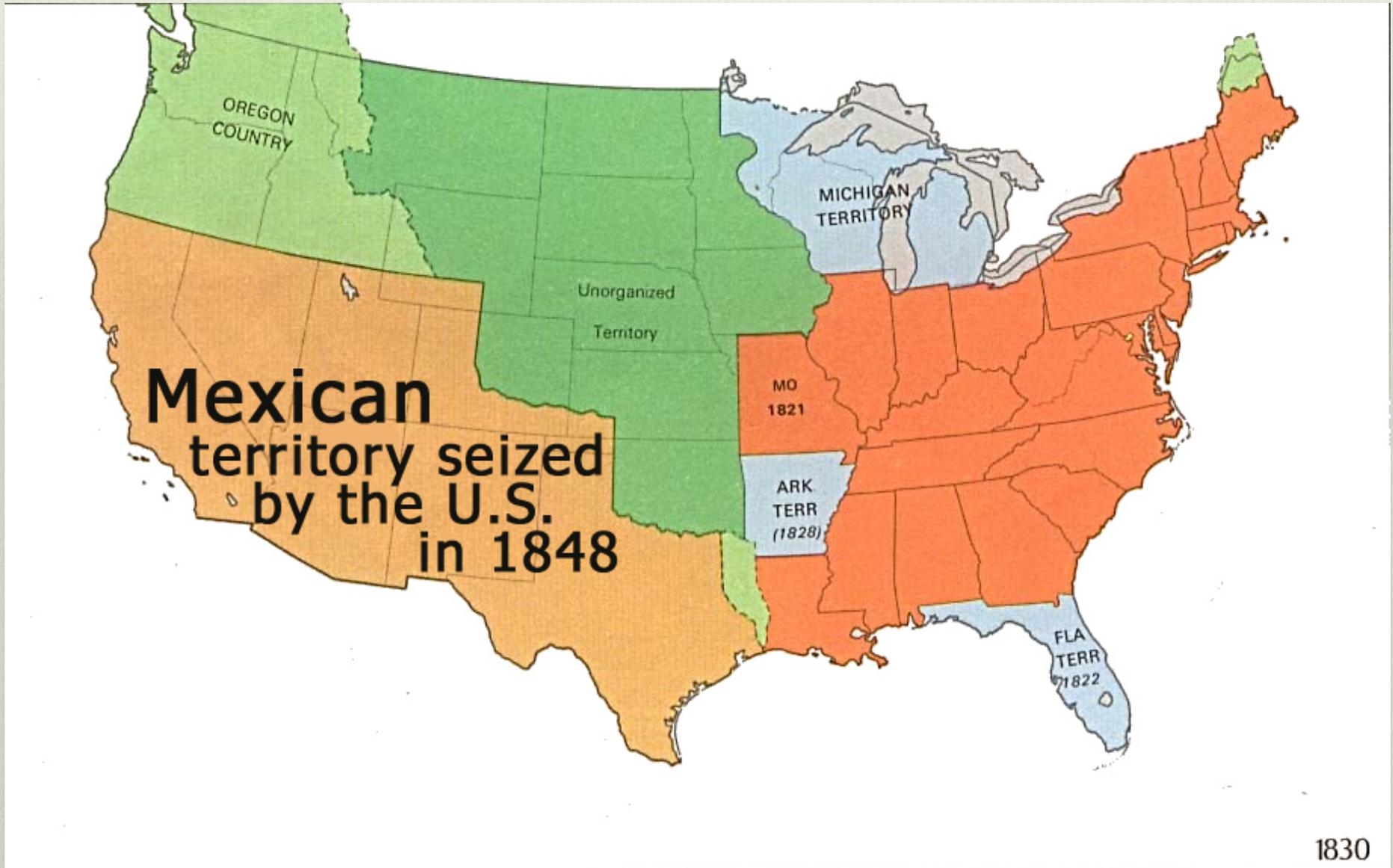
2 - Take over New Mexico and California.

3 - Take Mexico City, the capital of Mexico to force surrender of NM and CA

## ❖ **The Treaty** (Treaty of Guadalupe Hildago - February 1848)

- Set Texas border at Rio Grande

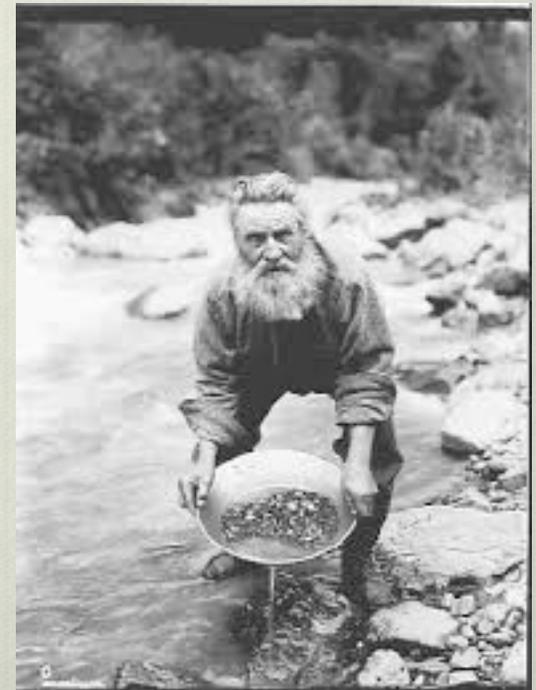
- US paid Mexico \$15 million for the NM and CA territories won in the war



# GOLD!

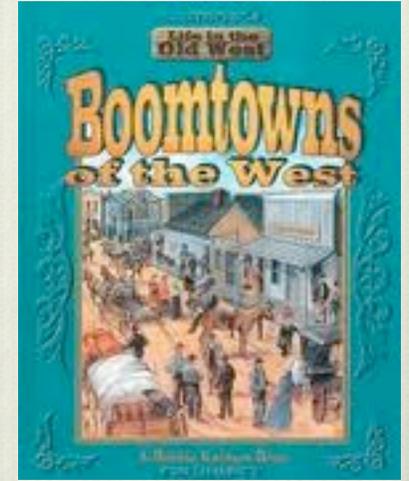


- ❖ Discovery of **gold in California territory** at one of John Sutter 's saw mills
- ❖ More than **80,000** people came to **California** in **1849** to prospect for gold
- ❖ Who were they? Americans (80 percent), Mexicans, also South Americans, Europeans, Australians and Asians (unusually diverse population)



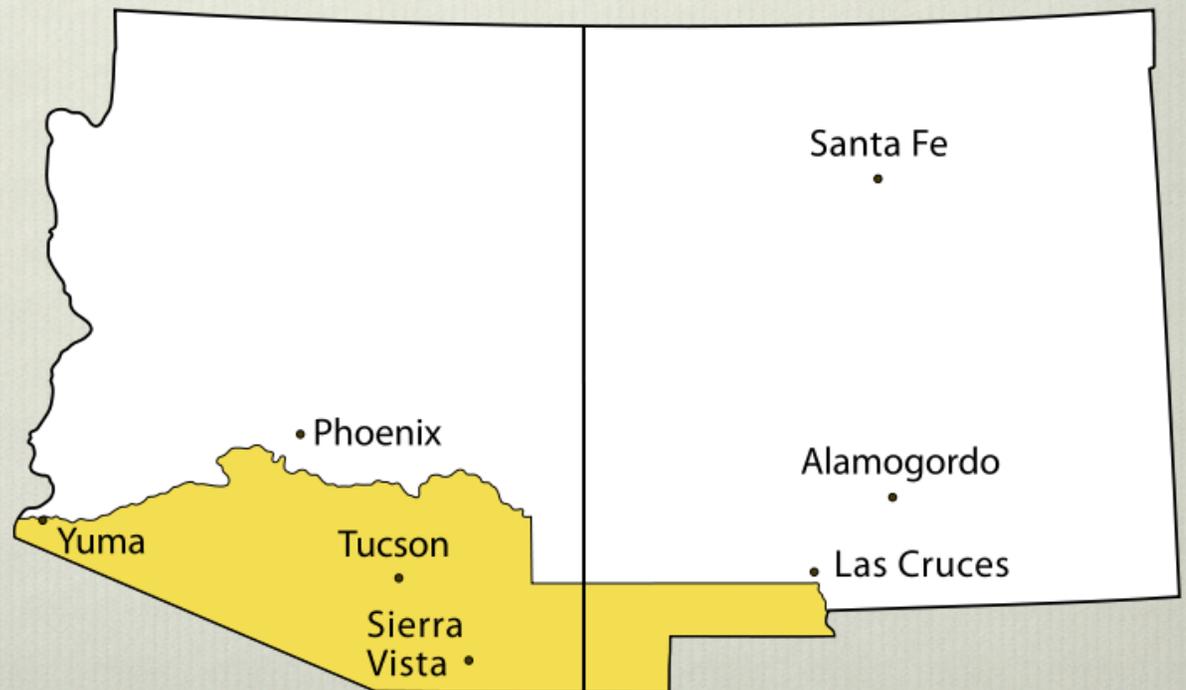
# Boomtowns

- ❖ Towns (camps) **sprang up overnight**
- ❖ Wild dirty and violent - **drinking, gambling, fighting with no police** (vigilantes often enforced rules if there were any)
- ❖ **Almost no women** (except, well, you know... the oldest profession it's called)
- ❖ Very few miners **got actually rich**
- ❖ The **real money was made by merchants** who overcharged miners for goods and supplies



# Gadsden Purchase

- ❖ In 1853 US paid \$10 million
- ❖ Last contiguous land acquisition
- ❖ Railroad route would benefit South



# Manifest Destiny completed

