

Aim:

What represented “American Progress” in regard to the Westward movement of the 1800s?

Do Now

- What title would you give to this painting?



Columbia

- female representation of the United States.
Represents freedom, opportunity,
democracy, core American Values

Manifest Destiny

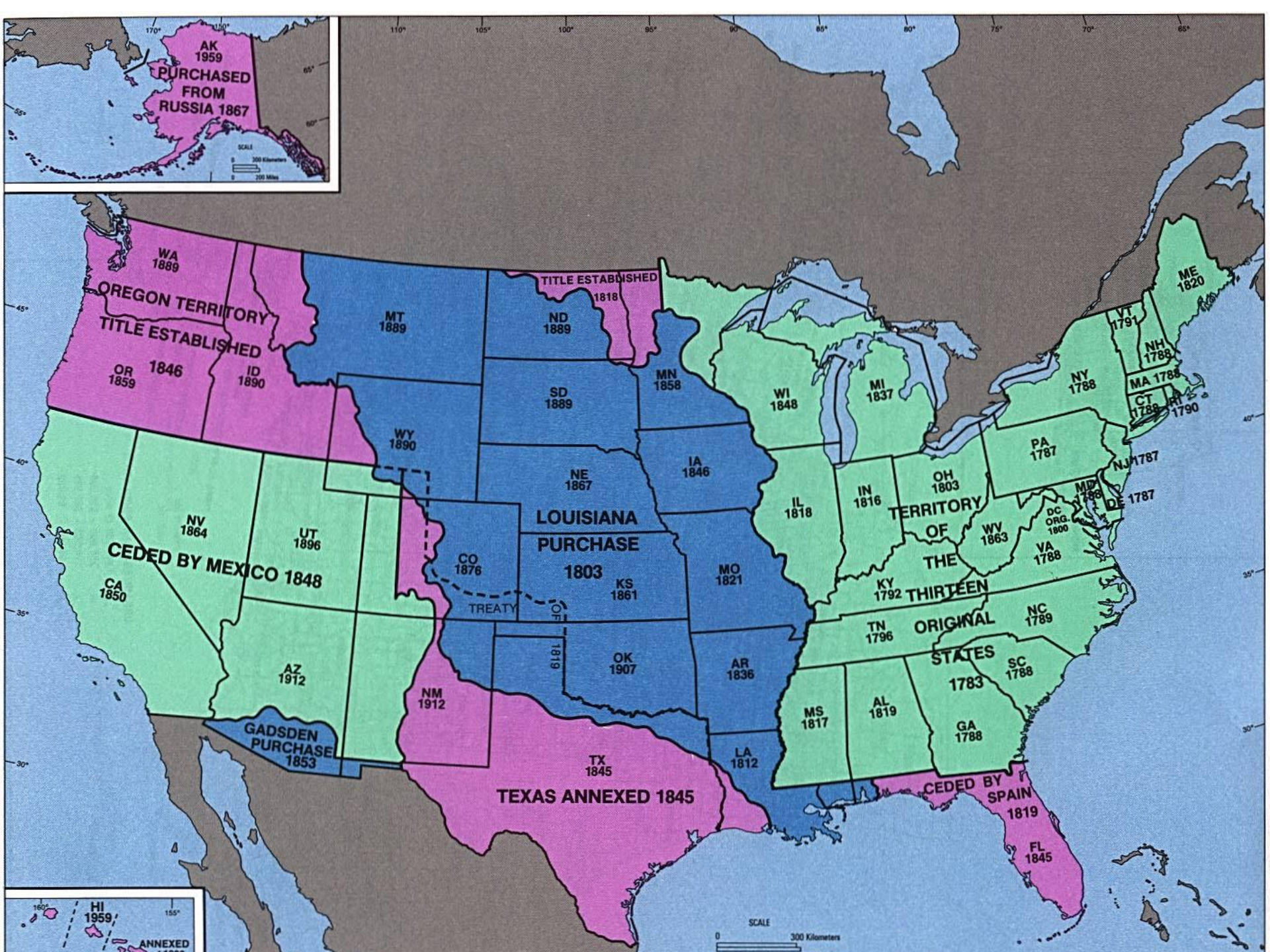
- Nationalistic idea in the United States that the country must expand to the Pacific Ocean. (Coast to Coast)

American Progress by John Gast

- What images stand out most in the picture?
- Describe the lighting? What do you think the artist is trying to say?
- What direction is Columbia facing?
- What is she holding in her hands. Why?
- Who are the various groups of people in the painting?
- What is the message of the artist? What else in the painting adds to its overall message
- What title would you give this painting?

What Factors encouraged the settlement of the “Last West”?





Frontier

- 1650- along the Atlantic Coast
- 1750 – spread to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains
- 1840 – reached the Mississippi River
- 1890 – Frontier closed – sufficiently populated

Frontier

- The furthestmost region of settlement
- An imaginary line dividing civilization and wilderness

- What were the reasons for Westward migration?
- Migration – mass movement of people from one place to another

Federal Policies Encouraging Migration to the Plains and Rockies

- Homestead Act (1862)
– free federal land to settlers (160 acres developed in 5 years)
- Railroad Land Grants
(First Transcontinental railroad completed in 1869)







Factors Discouraging Settlement of Great Plains and Rockies

- Harsh environment
 - “The Great American Desert” - western part of the Great Plains east of the Rocky Mountains 
- Native-American Resistance to settlement
- Distance from Trade Routes

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PROOF REQUIRED UNDER HOMESTEAD ACTS MAY 20, 1862, AND JUNE 21, 1866.

WE, *Joseph Gruffy and Samuel Kilpatrick* do solemnly swear
that we have known *Daniel Freeman* for *over five* years last past; that he
is *the head of a family* consisting of *wife* and *two*
children and is — a citizen of the United States; that he is an inhabitant
of the *8th of NW 1/4 NE of NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4* of section No. *26* in
Township No. *4 N* of Range No. *5 E* and that no other person resided upon the
said land entitled to the right of Homestead or Pre-emption.

That the said *Daniel Freeman* — entered upon and made settlement
on said land on the *1st* day of *January*, 1868, and has built a house
thereon *part log & part pane 14 by 20 feet one story with two doors*
100 windows. Shingle roof board floor and is a comfortable home
to live in

and has lived in the said house and made it his exclusive home from the *1st* day of
January, 1868, to the present time, and that he has since said settlement ploughed,
fenced, and cultivated about *35* — acres of said land, and has made the following improvements
thereon, to wit: *built a stable, a sheep shed 100 feet long*
corn crib, and has 40 apple and about 400
peach trees set out. *Eight graft*

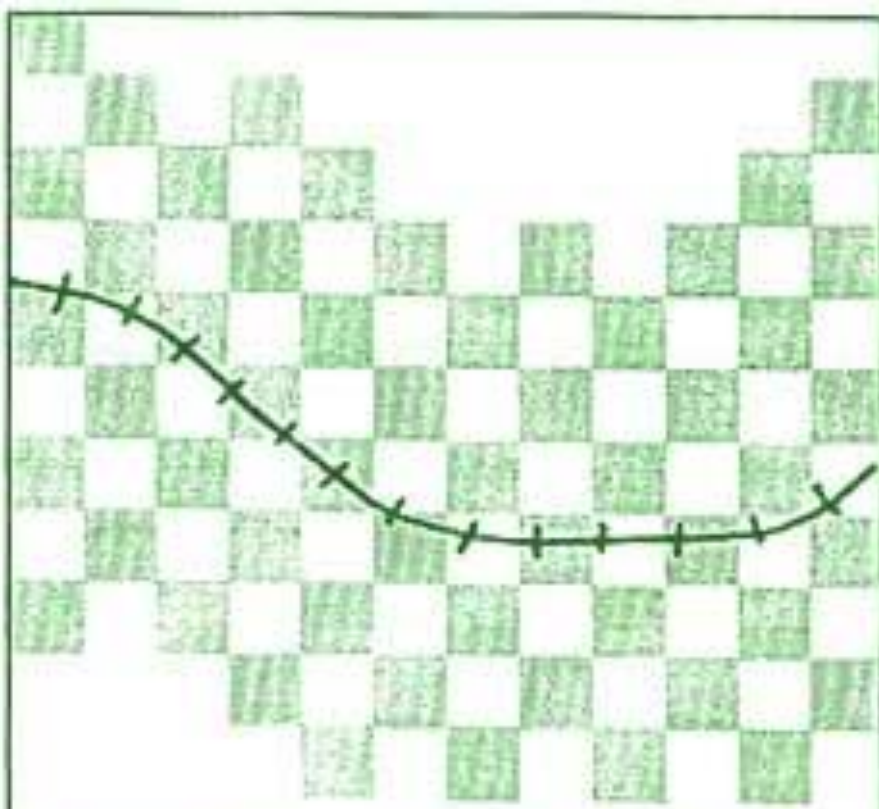
Samuel Kilpatrick.

I, *Henry M. Atkinson*, Register do hereby certify that the above affidavit was
taken and subscribed before me this *20th* day of *January*, 1868

Henry M. Atkinson
Register

WE CERTIFY that *Joseph Gruffy and Samuel Kilpatrick*, whose names
are subscribed to the foregoing affidavit, are persons of respectability.

Henry M. Atkinson , Register.
Josh. Carson , Receiver.



PATTERN OF LAND GRANTS

—+— railroad track right of way

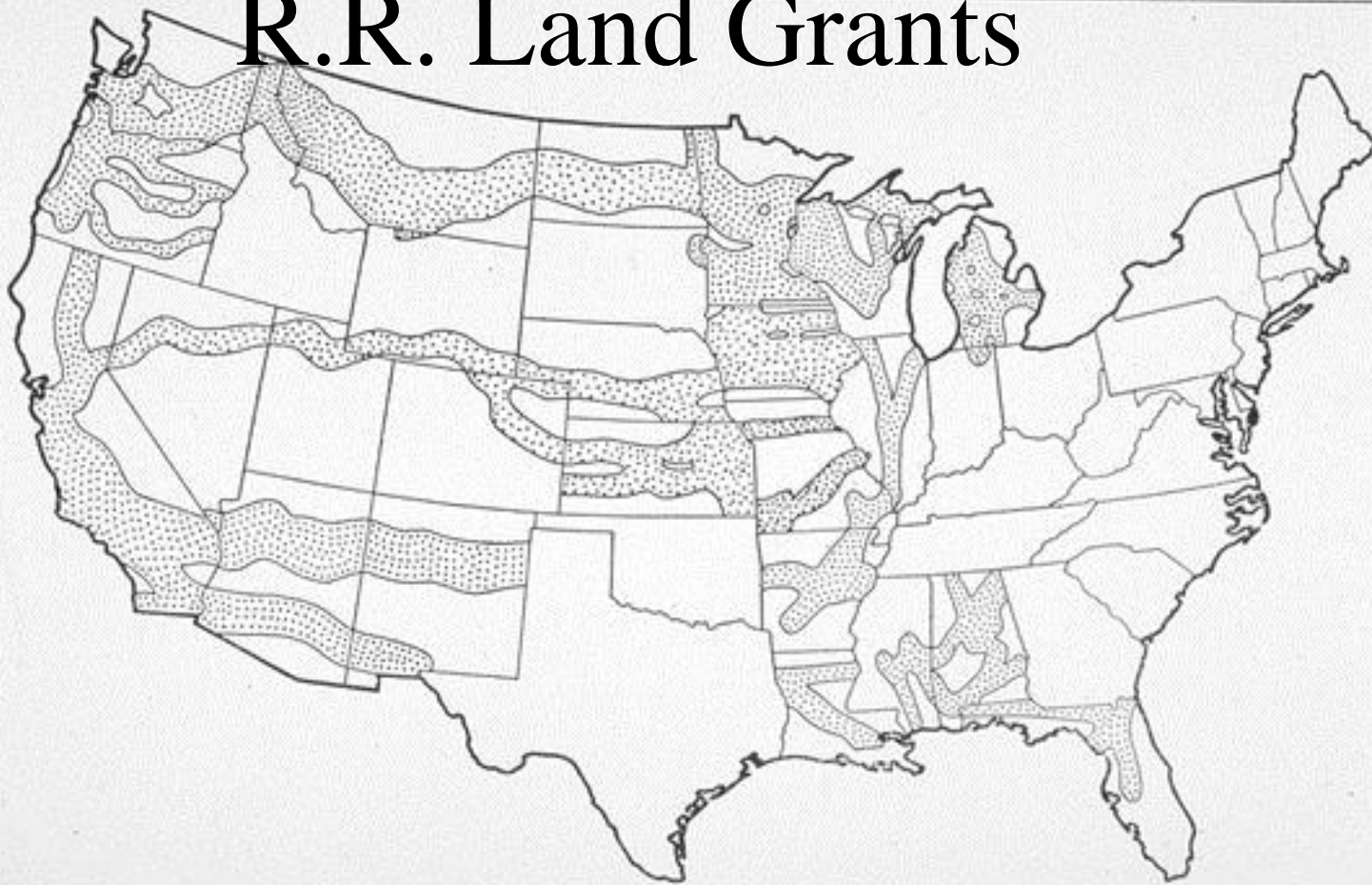


one Square Mile Sold to others or Withheld



one Square Mile granted to railroad

R.R. Land Grants



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View on the Big Blue, between Camden and Crete, representing Valley and Rolling Prairie Land in Nebraska.



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Pacific Time



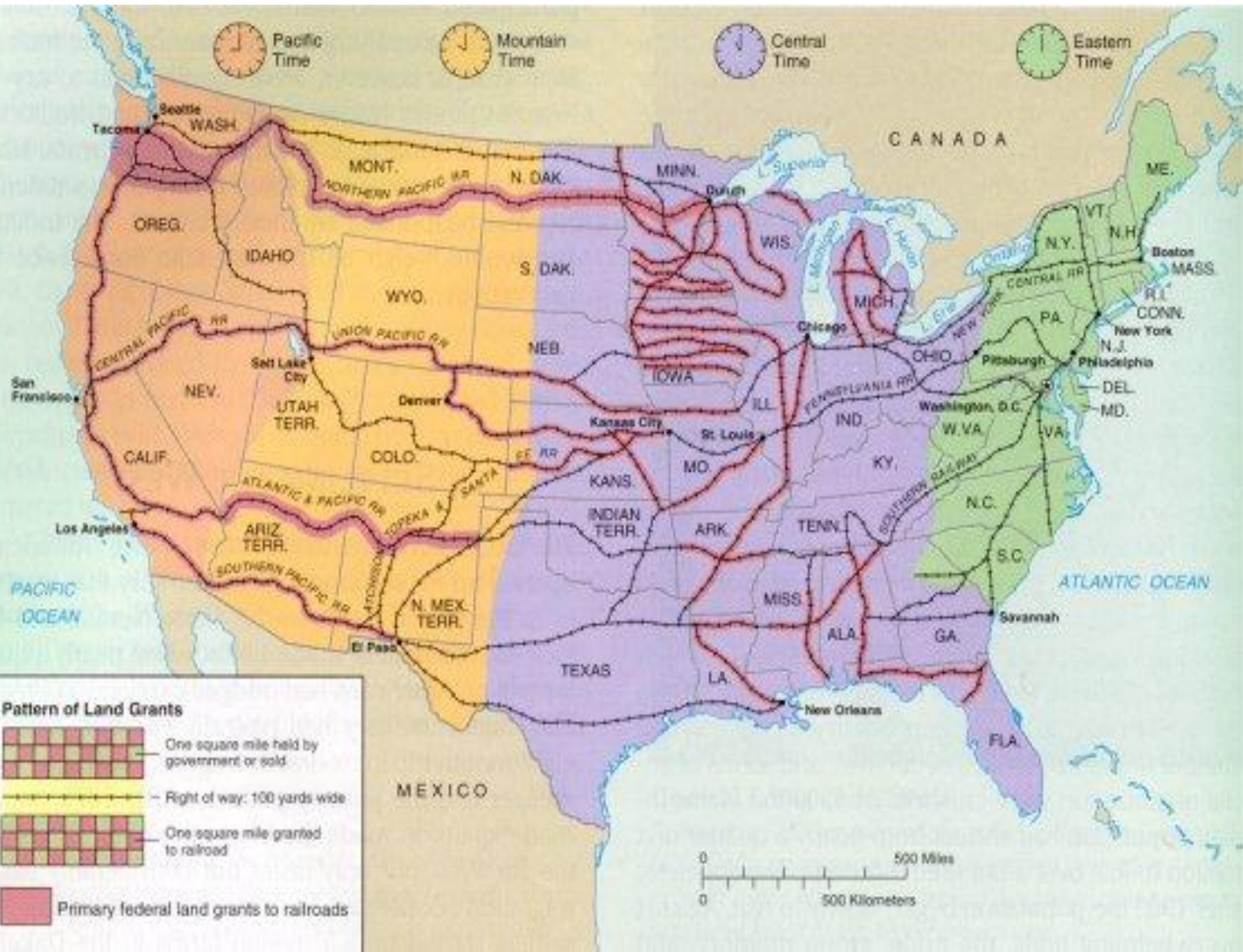
Mountain Time



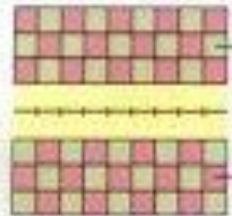
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Eastern Time

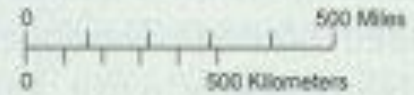


Pattern of Land Grants



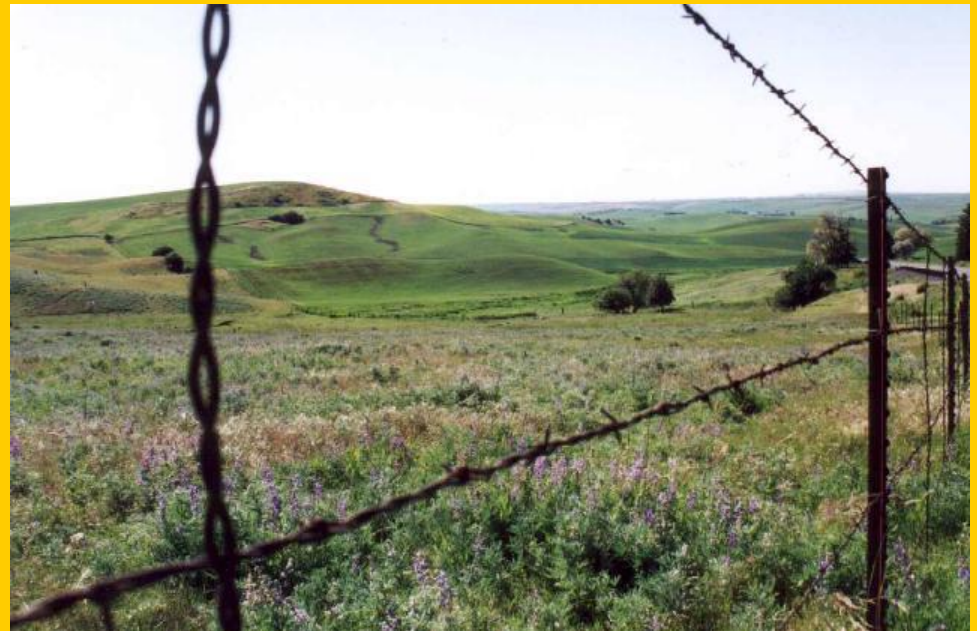
- One square mile held by government or sold
- Right of way: 100 yards wide
- One square mile granted to railroad

Primary federal land grants to railroads



Inventions encouraging settlement

- Important Inventions
 - John Deere – Steel Plow (1830s)
 - McCormick Reaper (1840s)
 - Barbed Wire (1870s)





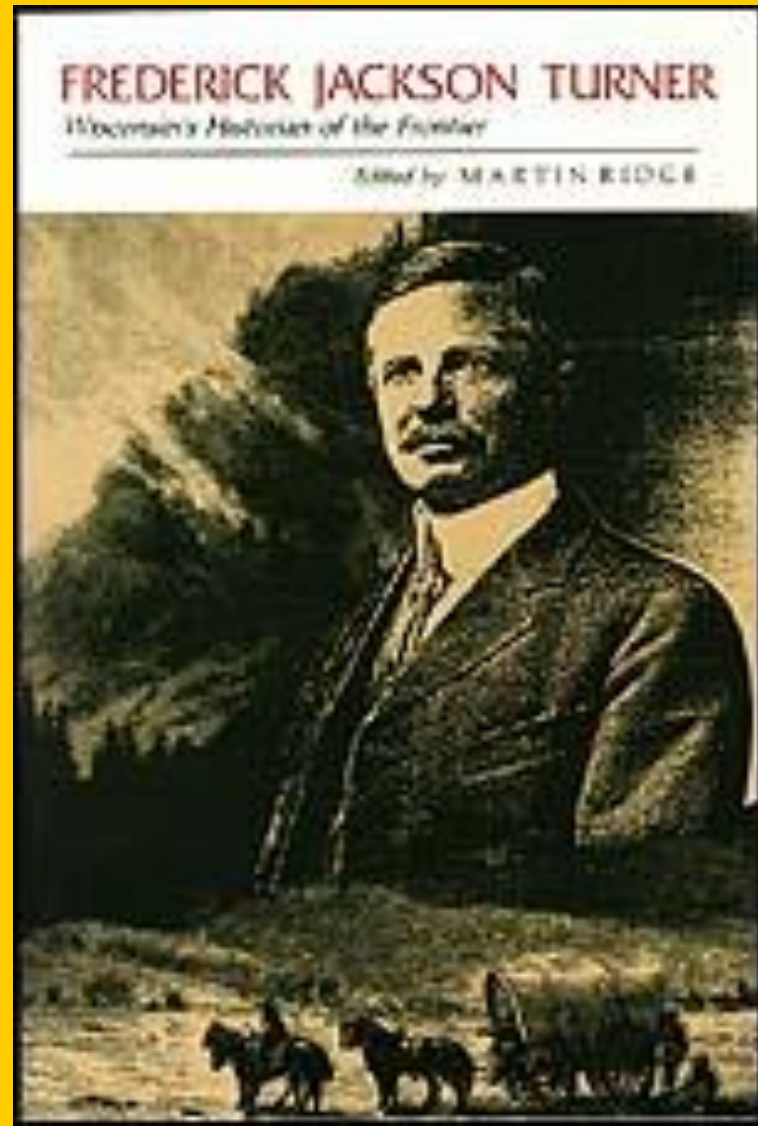




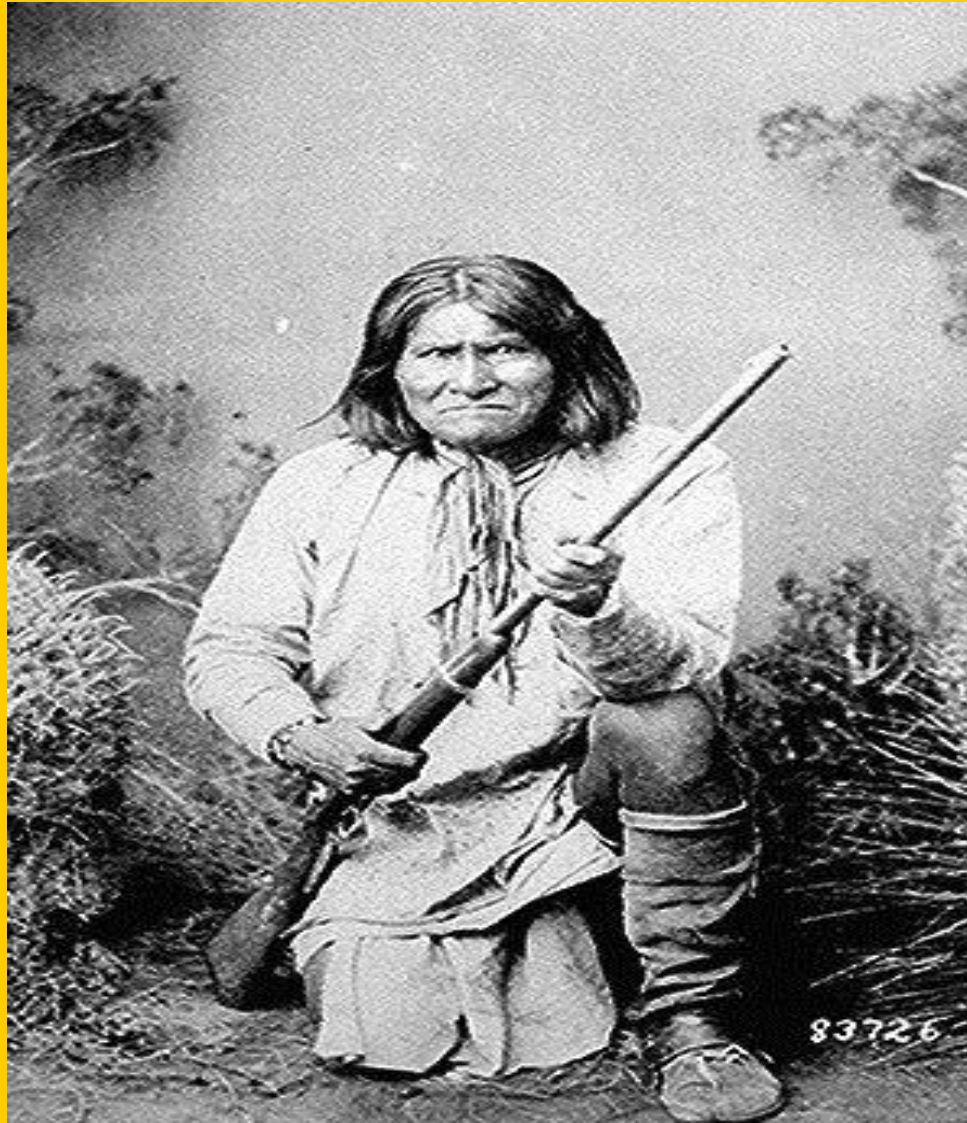
Turner's Frontier Thesis

“Significance of the Frontier in American History”

- Individualism and Independence
- Democracy
- Break down of class lines
- Safety Valve



Federal Indian Policy



Oklahoma Land Rushes (1889, 1893)

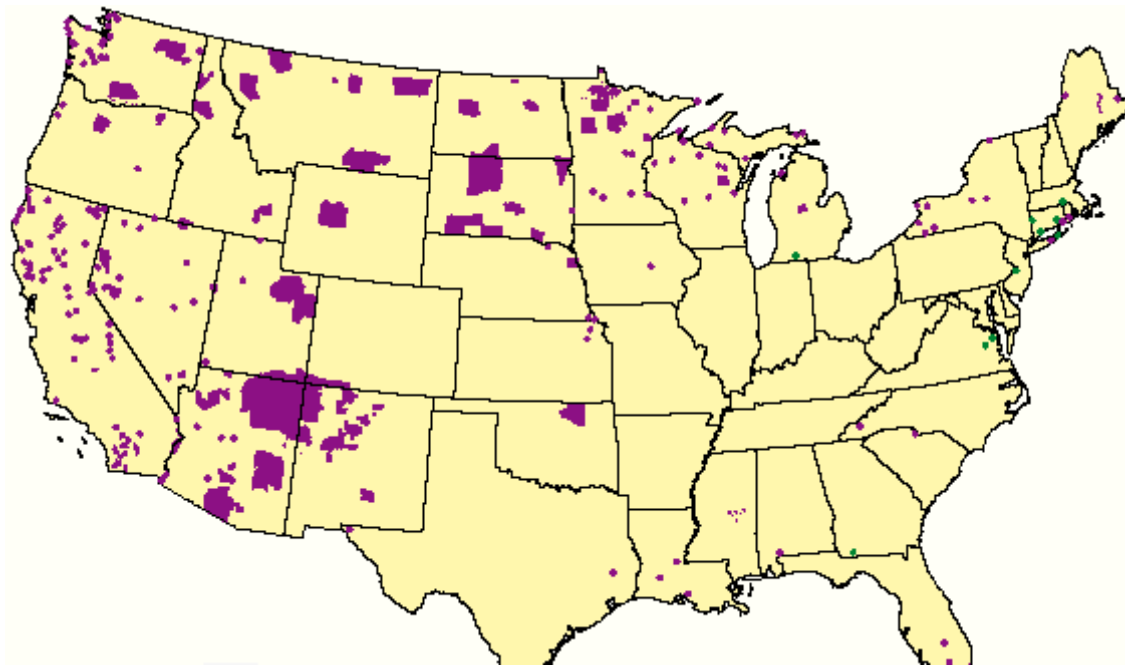
- [Far and Away - Land Rush Scene - YouTube](#)





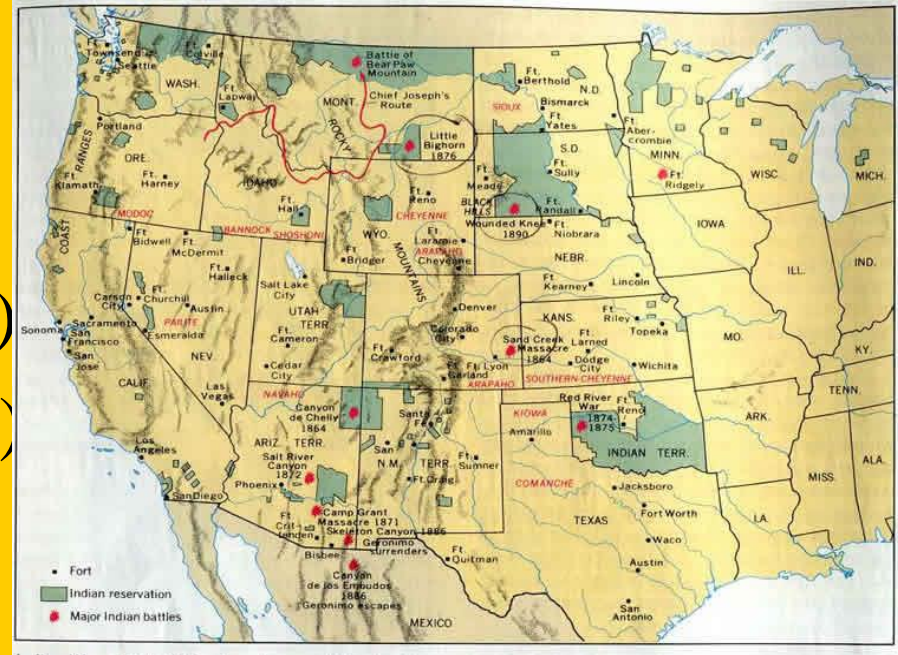


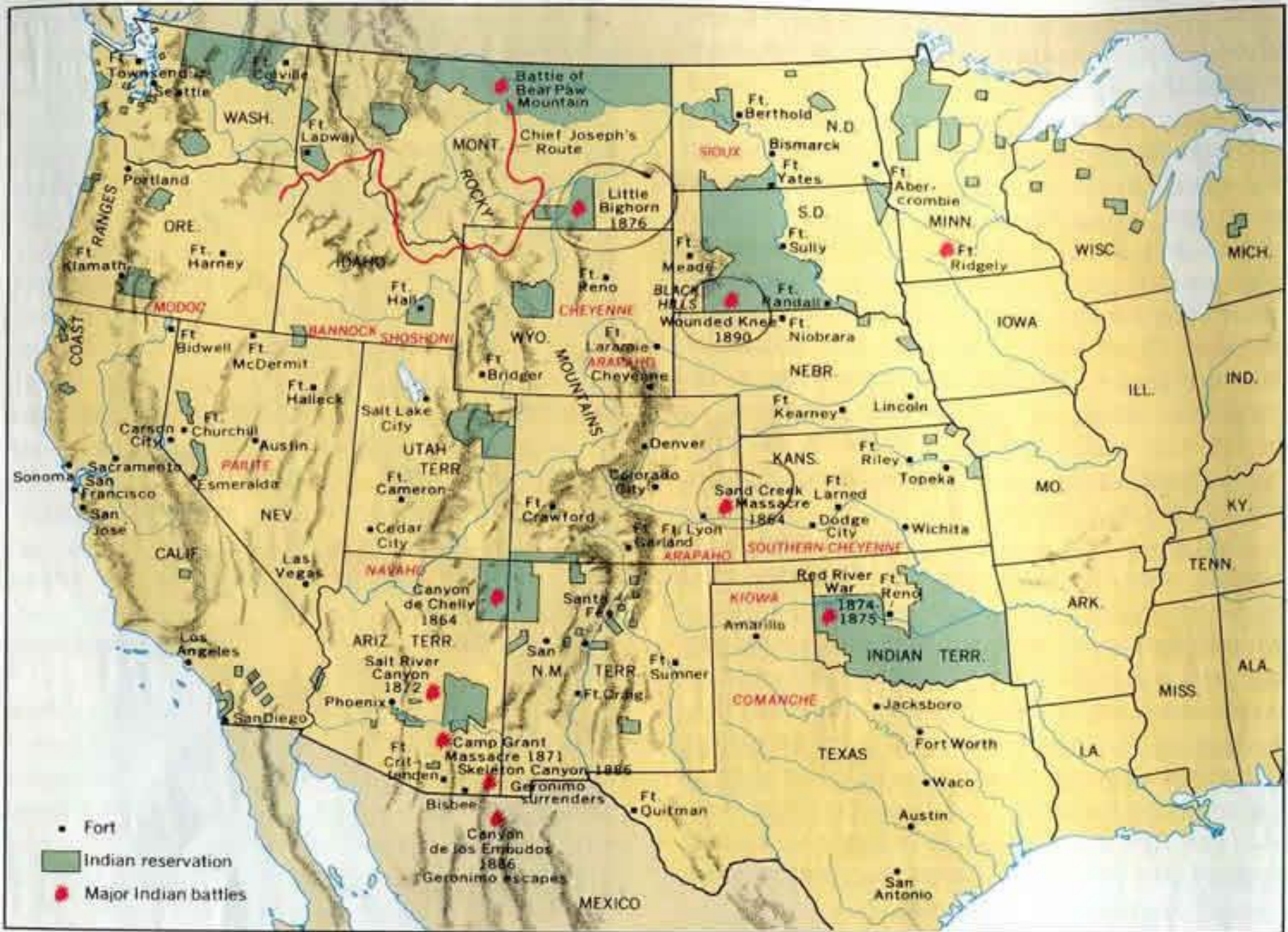
Indian Reservations today



Indian Policy, 1860-1887

- Indian Wars
 - Sand Creek (1864)
 - Little Big Horn (1876)
 - Wounded Knee (1890)
- Reservation System









RATH & WRIGHT'S BUFFALO HIDE YARD IN 1878, SHOWING 40,000 BUFFALO HIDES. DODGE CITY, KANSAS

FROM A PHOTOGRAPH

- 1800 – 8,000,000 Buffalo 1900 – 600 Buffalo



Policy Towards Plains Indians (1850s-1880s)

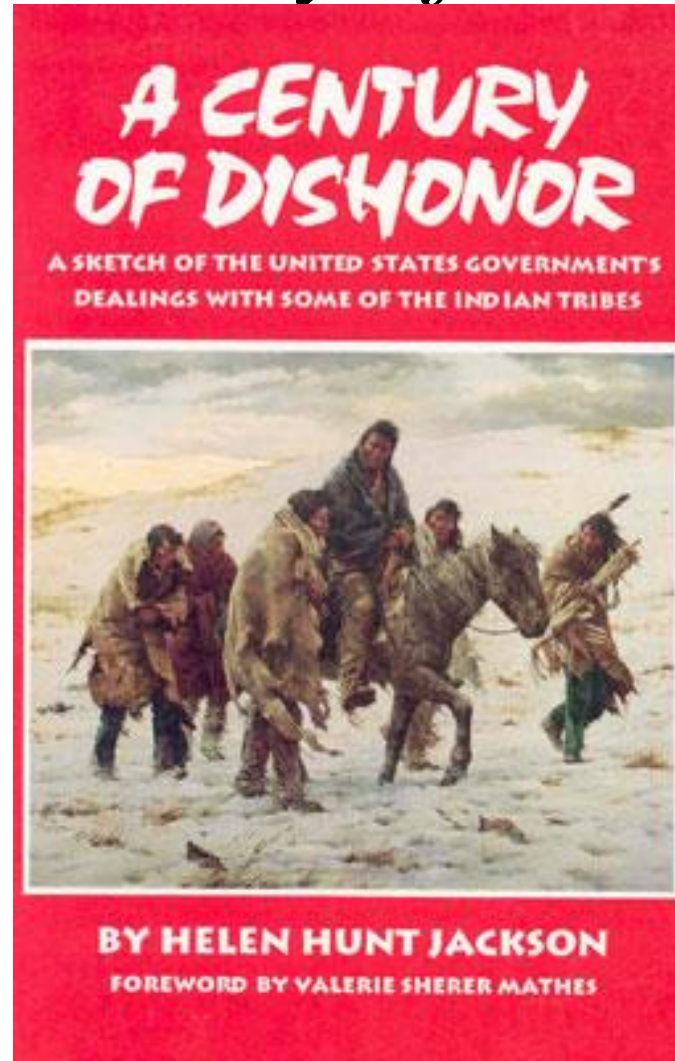
- Reservation system (1851-1887)
- Indian Wars
- Decimation of Buffalo herds
 - 1500 – estimated 30-60 million buffalo (located as far east as Ohio)
 - 1872 – estimated 5,000 buffalo killed per day for hide and bones
 - 1884 – estimated 325 wild buffalo remaining in the United States
 - Today – 20,000 – 30,000 on public lands
 - » 250,000 in private herds (for meat)

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Indian Policy, 1860-1890

- Reservation System (1850s-80s)
- Reform Movement – 1880's

Helen Hunt Jackson – *A Century of Dishonor*



A New Policy - 1887

- The Dawes Act (1887)
 - Divided reservations into 160 Acre plots.
 - 25 years, receive title to land and American citizenship
 - Purpose – break up tribes
 - encourage assimilation – “Americanize” Native-Americans
 - encourage agricultural work
- Boarding Schools – The Carlisle School, Carlisle Pennsylvania





1920s and 30s

- 1924 – granted citizenship
- 1934 – Wheeler -Howard Act – A New Deal for Native Americans. Reversed Dawes Act