

**Physical Map UNITED STATES**

	Natural Regions
	River and lake
	Mountain peak
	Waterfall
	Dam
	Canal
	International boundary
	State boundary

**Scale**  
 0 150 300 miles  
 0 150 300 kilometers







**Political Map**  
**UNITED STATES**

- Continental boundary
- International boundary
- State boundary
- Washington, D.C. National capital
- State capital
- Large city
- Smaller city

Scale: 0 50 100 Miles / 0 50 100 Kilometers



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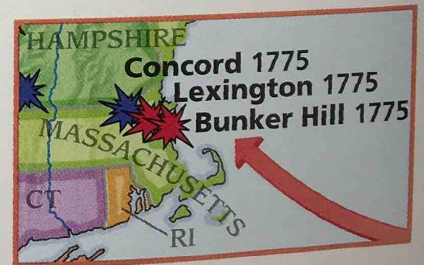
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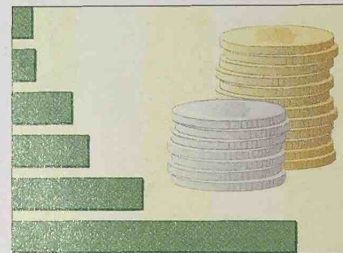
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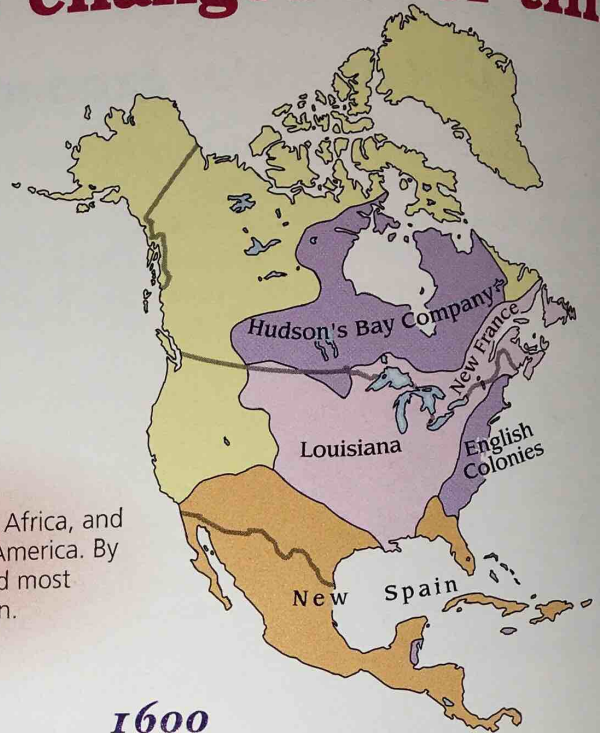


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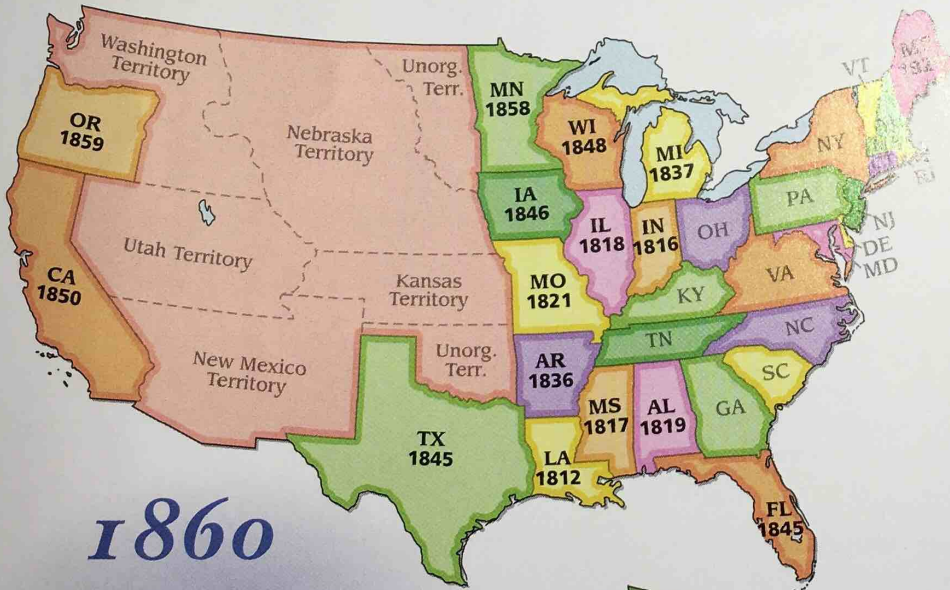
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1500

1600

1700

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1400 to 1682

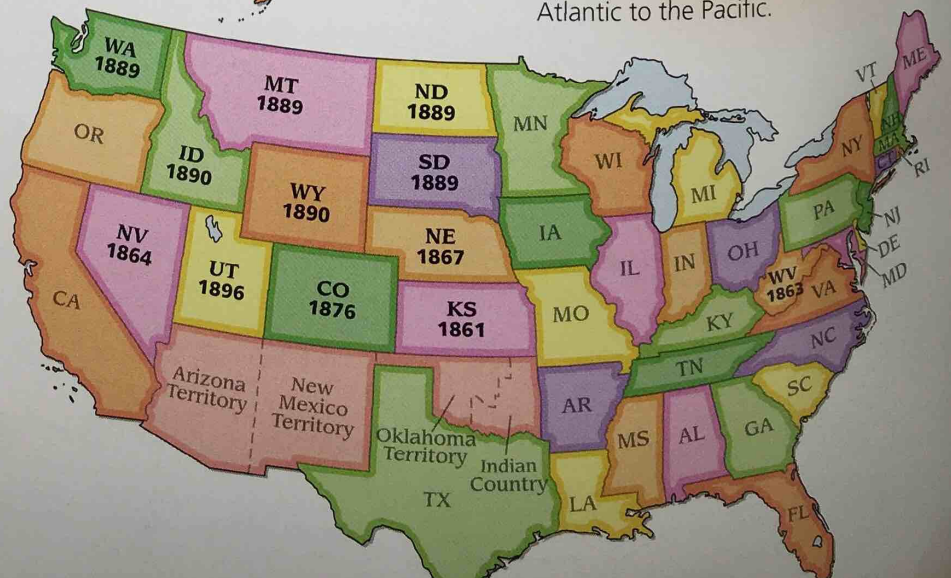


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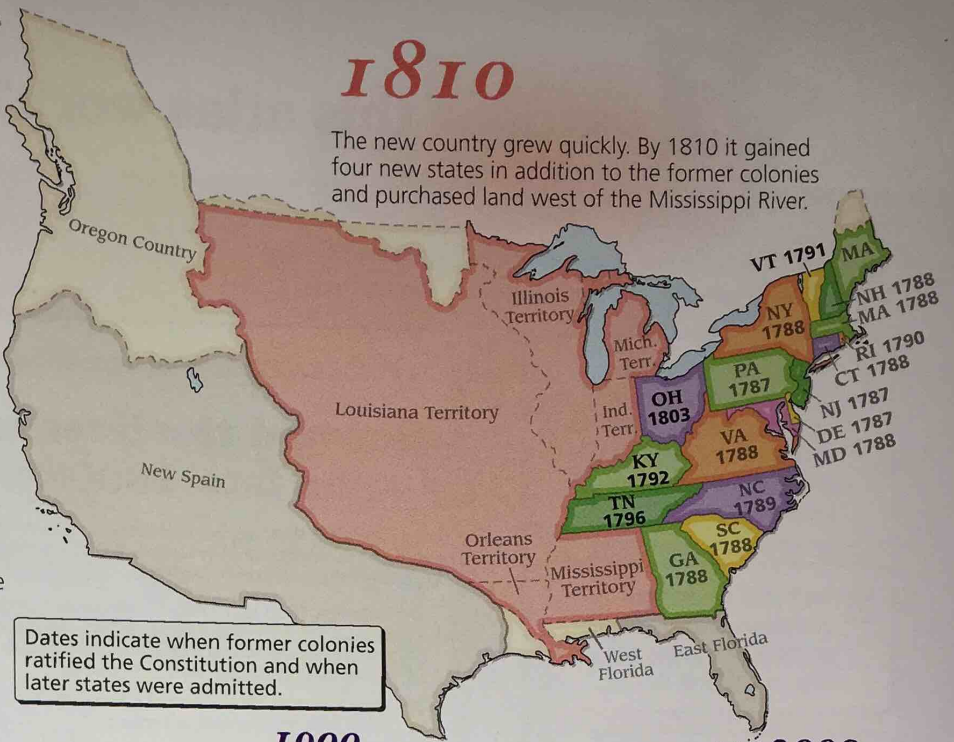
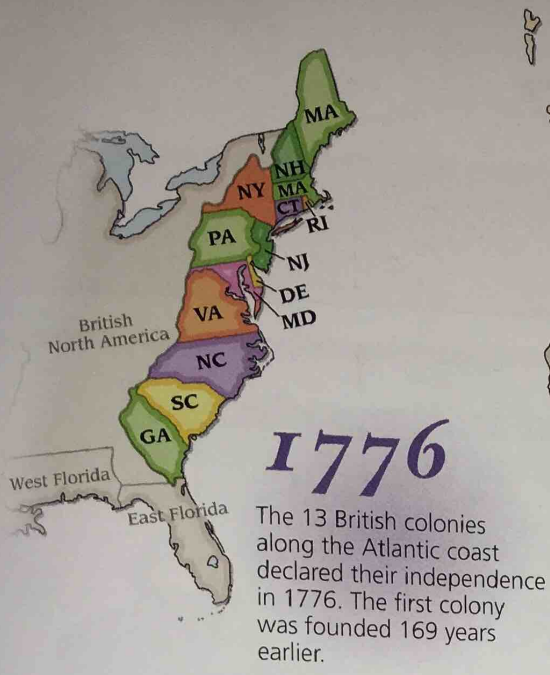
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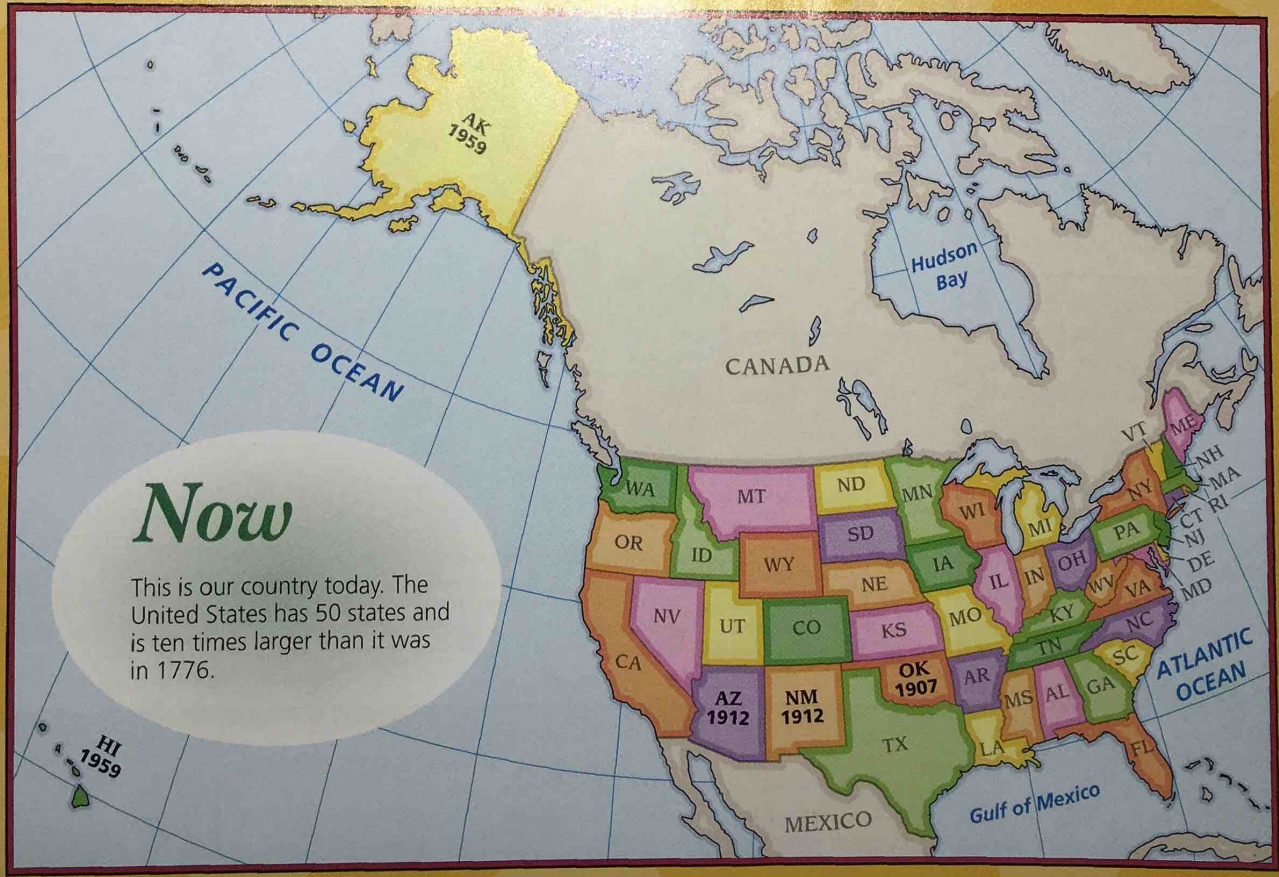
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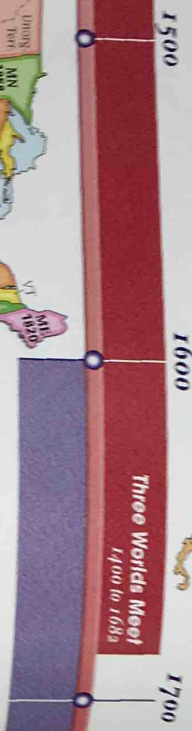
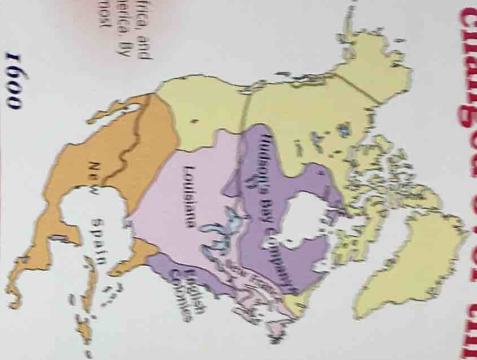


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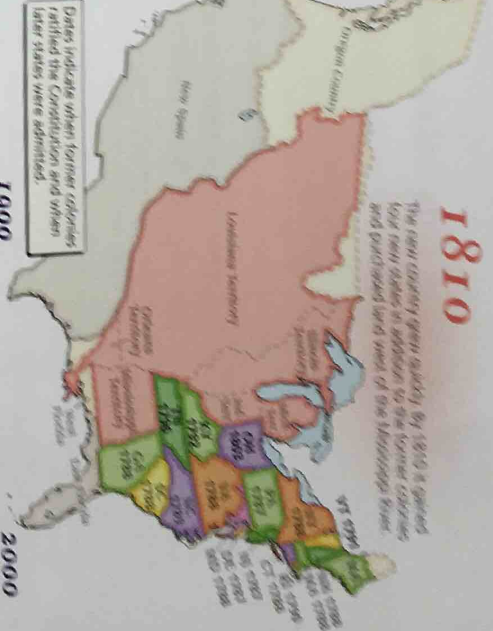


**1776**  
The 13 British colonies along the Atlantic coast declared their independence in 1776. The first colony was founded 169 years earlier.



**A New Nation**  
1781 to 1810

**The United States Expands**  
1792 to 1880



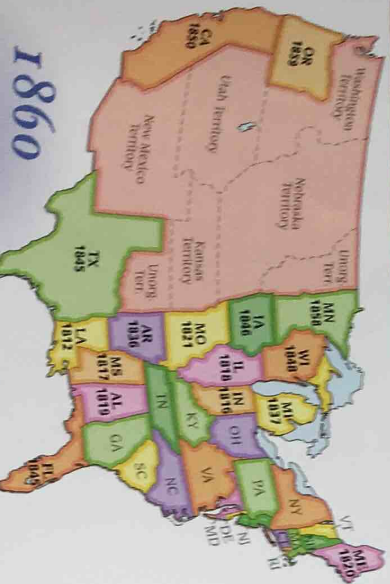
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The new country grew rapidly. By 1810 it opened 169 new states in addition to the former colonies and purchased land west of the Mississippi River.

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**Civil War and Change**  
1861 to 1900

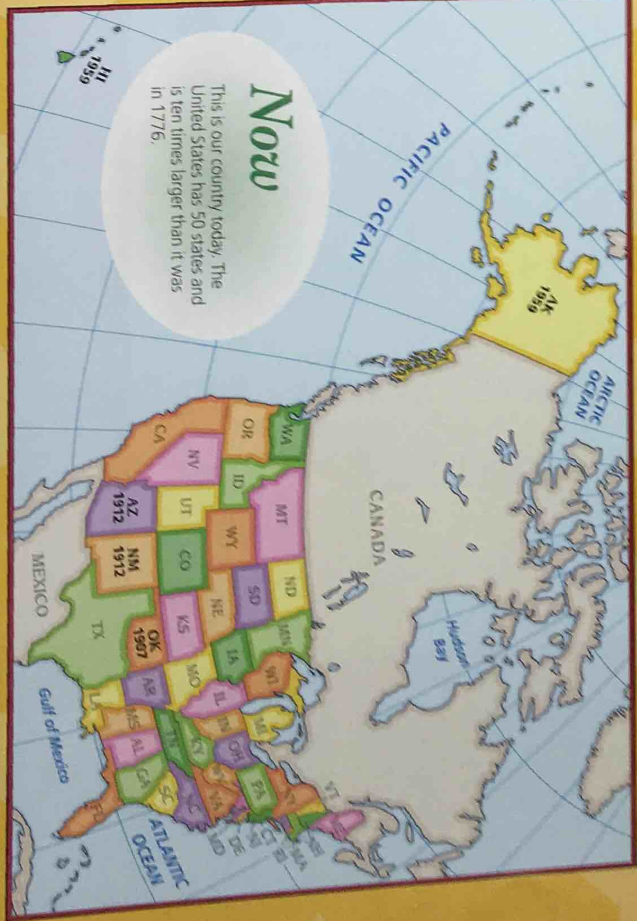
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1910 to Now



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**Now**  
This is our country today. The United States has 50 states and is ten times larger than it was in 1776.