



Manifest Destiny



- The belief in the United States that American settlers were destined to expand our nation throughout the continent.
- Justification for war, removing native Americans, etc.

Westward

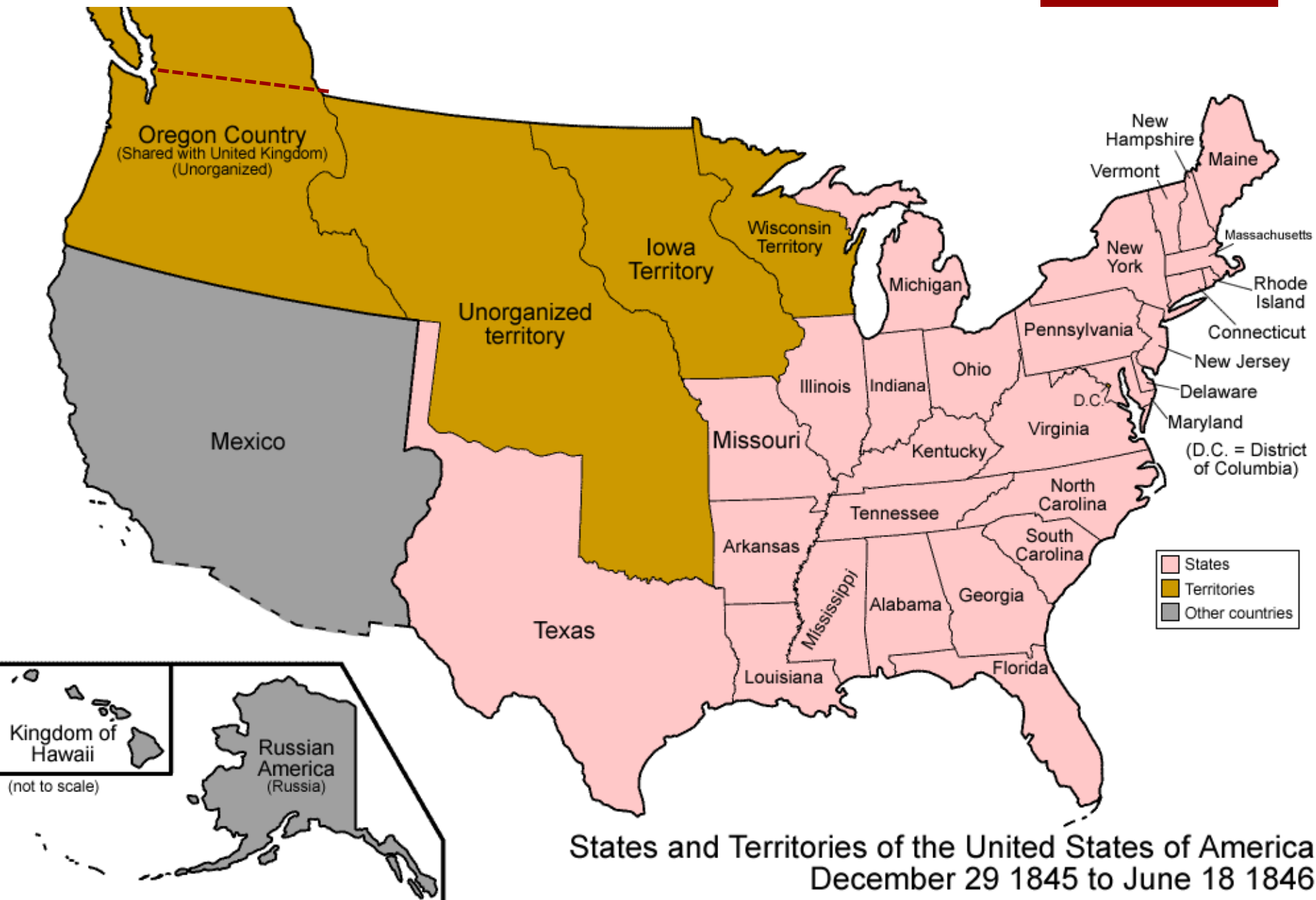
- By 1860 - 300,000 settlers made the trip West
- Oregon was controlled by US and England
- Northern Mexico – Made up of:
 - Texas / Arizona / Utah / Nevada / New Mexico / California
- 7,000 Americans moved to Texas (Mexico)
 - Spain didn't allow Americans to move in
 - Mexico was relaxed. Sold land to settlers
- In 1836 Mexico says NO Americans
 - Take back their land. Closes border



Mexico Texas War

- Santa Anna enforces NO AMERICANS in Texas
- Attacks Fort – The Alamo
 - 187 Killed / Including Davy Crocket / Jim Bowie
- Texans fight back and defeat Santa Anna's army
- Texas becomes the Republic of Texas - 1836
- Want to join the United States
 - Want to join as a slave state (already own slaves)
 - Van Buren avoids slave issue by not acknowledging Texas request
 - Also afraid it may cause a war (can't afford at this time)





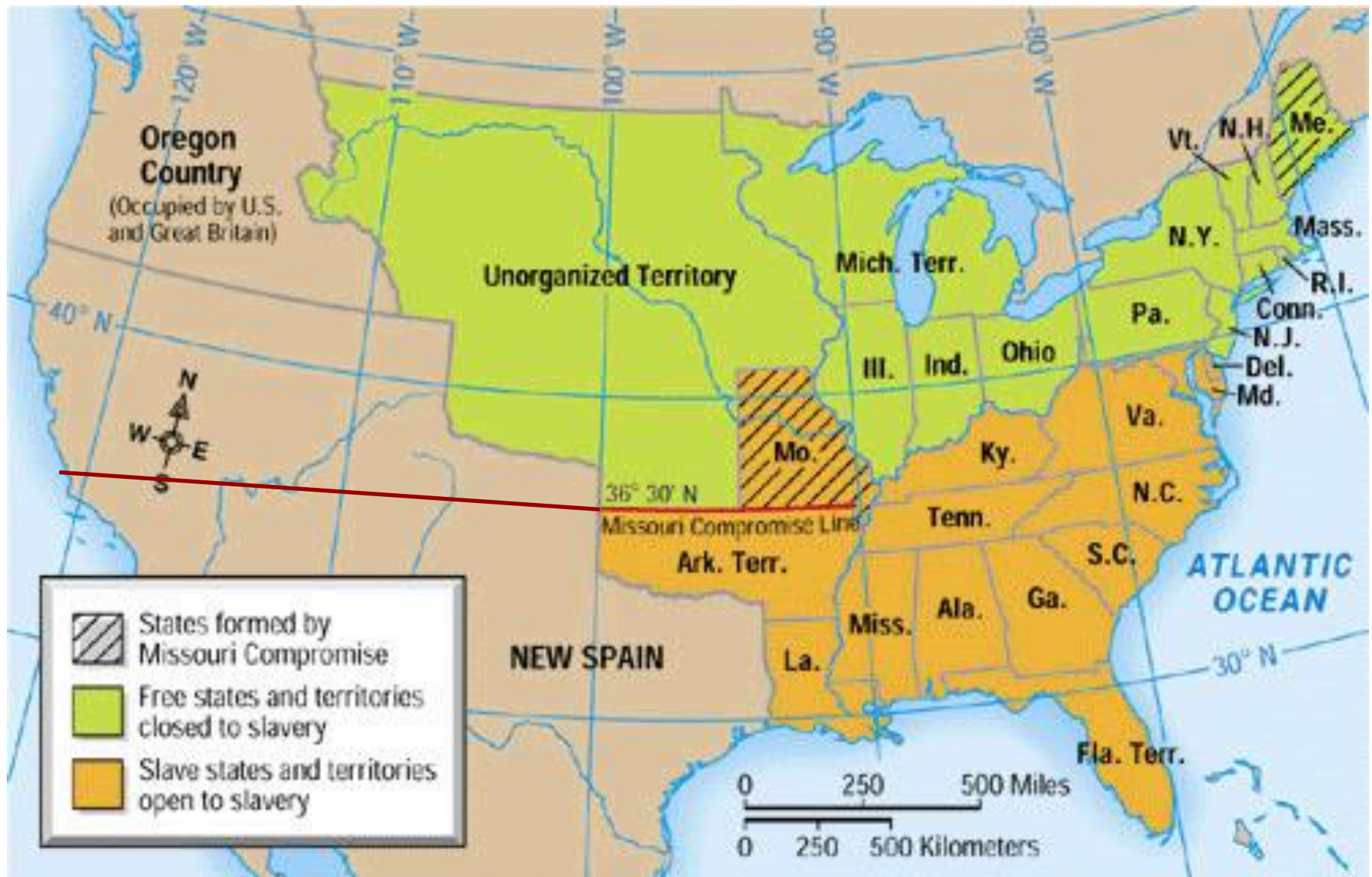
Mexican-American War

- POLK –
 - Annexed (added) Texas in 1845 (28th state)
 - Oregon Territory is divided at 49th parallel
 - Wants to buy California from Mexico.
 - Start war over land.
- Mexican-American War (1846-1848)
 - Occupied California & New Mexico
 - Easily defeated Mexican forces
 - First time US army fights on foreign soil
 - Took capital - Mexico City
- Won land north of Rio Grand River

Problems

- California was $\frac{1}{2}$ north and $\frac{1}{2}$ south of parallel 36/30 north line (Missouri Compromise)
- Not enough whites in the state to meet statehood criteria (all Mexican or Native American)
- Strike gold in 1848
 - Everyone heads to California.
 - Population increases.
 - Now qualifies for statehood
- 1850 – Slave state or Free State





Missouri Compromise in 1820

Compromise of 1850

- Henry Clay - proposes
- California – admitted as free state
- Slave trade outlawed in Washington D.C.
Slavery is still OK
- Fugitive Slave Law – must return runaway slaves to their owners
- Popular Sovereignty
 - New states can decide whether they are a slave state or a free state.
- Many disagreed – A lot of violence/Conflict



Compromise of 1850



Kansas-Nebraska Act - 1854

- 1850s – Settlers start to move to Kansas & Nebraska territory.
- Kansas and Nebraska are North of 36,30 parallel line
- **Stephen Douglas** – Senator – pushes bill through that opens up Kansas and Nebraska territory to popular sovereignty
- **North is OUTRAGED!!!**
- Basically ignores Missouri Compromise and Compromise of 1850
- Splits political parties / Leads to violence in territories





Top 5 causes of the Civil War

- Economic and social differences between the North and the South
- States versus federal rights
- The fight between Slave and Non-Slave State supporters
 - Deciding which states become slave or free states
 - Who has control over Congress
- Growth of the Abolition Movement
 - Fugitive Slave Act
 - Underground Railroad
- The election of Abraham Lincoln (1860)
 - Some say one of the “final straws”
- <http://mrnussbaum.com/civil-war/causes/>