

# Era of Good Feeling

1817-1825

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- No real political parties
- People produce goods for sale to others
- New Technology
  - Transportation (Mississippi River/Erie Canal)
  - Communication
- National Road (Cumberland)
- Western Expansion
  - People were prosperous (doing well) and happy
  - Spending money

# James Monroe

<http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/james-monroe>

- 5<sup>th</sup> President

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwvHtkCusHo>

- Well liked
- Honest & Trust Worthy
- John Quincy Adams – Secretary of State
- Unopposed for second term (No one ran against him)
- Last of the Revolutionary War Presidents
- Main Objective – Grow/enlarge U.S.

# CRISIS

- **Many Americans couldn't pay back loans**
  - Banks failed
  - Lost belongings & homes

# BORDER ISSUES

- Spanish Florida
  - Spain did little to govern territory
  - Indian raids – Attacking U.S. settlements in Georgia
  - Monroe sends troops in under Andrew Jackson
  - Jackson takes control of Florida
- After, we purchase Florida from Spain (give away)

# CRISIS

- **Slavery**

- Missouri Territory wanted to become states
- Would it be slave or free
- Monroe owned slaves & supported states deciding to be slave or free state

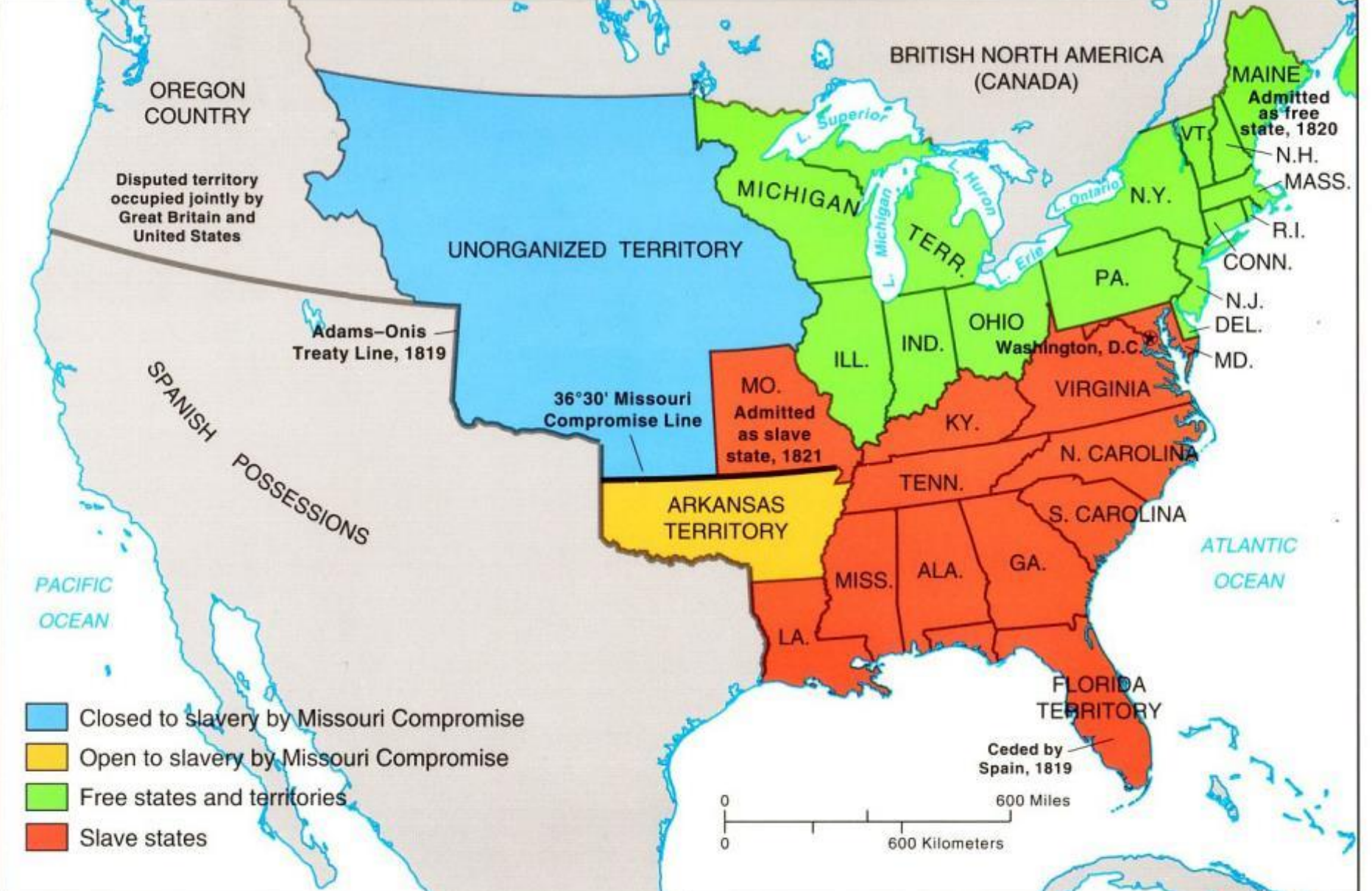
# MISSOURI COMPROMISE

“Devised” by Henry Clay



How should new states to be added  
(free or slave state)

1. States north 36°30' Latitude would be free /south would be slave states
2. Missouri would decide if they were slave or free (SLAVE)
3. Added Maine (FREE) to balance number of free & slave states (11-11)



- Closed to slavery by Missouri Compromise
- Open to slavery by Missouri Compromise
- Free states and territories
- Slave states



## The Monroe Doctrine



The Monroe Doctrine protected the western hemisphere from European colonization in 1823.

# Monroe Doctrine

- Many border disputes during his time
  - Spain – Florida & Mexico breaks away
  - Russia – Alaska
  - Central & South America - Revolutions
- John Quincy Adams drew up the plan
- James Monroe included it in his 2<sup>nd</sup> inaugural address
- Warned other countries to leave Americas alone.
  - Do NOT get involved in our politics
  - Do NOT colonize our lands
  - Stay out of our hemisphere (Western)



- Monroe Presidency - <http://education-portal.com/academy/lesson/james-monroes-presidency-the-monroe-doctrine.html#lesson>
- Missouri Compromise <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSZfydoGHws>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M-kDATCc2Y>