Territorial Expansion

1776-1898

Treaty of Paris (1783)

- Acquired after Revolutionary War from Britain
- Included Original 13 States and land west to the Mississippi controlled by Britain
- Some land was in dispute with Native Americans and Spanish

Louisiana Purchase (1803)

- Included much of present day Plains States
- West of Mississippi and followed Missouri River towards Oregon Country
- Cost \$15 Million. Purchased from France after Napoleon needed cash to fight war in Europe and French issues with Haitian colony and its rebel leader Toussaint L'Ouverture

Pinckney's Treaty (1795)

- Negotiation with Spain to obtain Right of Deposit at New Orleans
- Spain offers deal after U.S. makes Jay Treaty with Britain and worries of too strong an alliance

Treaty of Greenville (1795)

- Negotiation between America and Miami Indians
- Treaty made after Battle of Fallen Timbers won by General Anthony Wayne
- Opened most of Ohio for settlement

West Florida (1810-1812)

- Add on to Pinckney Treaty
- Established northern boundary of Florida to the 31st Parallel

Rush-Bagot Treaty (1817)

- Between the British and U.S.
- Disarmed the Great Lakes
- Set boundary between Canada and U.S. at 49th Parallel

Treaty of 1818

- Britain and U.S. agree to joint occupation of Oregon Country
- Originally included Russia, but they make separate deal to give up claims in Oregon if U.S. will respect Russian claims set at 54th Parallel (Alaska Border). Known as Russo-American Treaty

Adams-Onis Treaty (1819)

- Deal with Spain to purchase East Florida
- Would end Indian raids and rid the eastern part of the U.S. of the Spanish
- Done after Jackson invades Florida
- U.S. agrees to not make claims on Texas

Webster-Ashburton Treaty (1842)

- Settled disputes between Maine and Canada in Arostook War
- Defines border between U.S. and Canada in Maine and gives us chunk of land in Minnesota known as Mesabi Iron Mines.

Texas Annexation (1845)

 After claiming independence from Mexico in 1836, Texas is finally admitted to union in 1845.

Treaty of 1846

- Ends joint occupation of Oregon
- Sets Oregon boundary at 49th Parallel
- Resolves dispute of 54'40" or Fight!

Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo (1848)

- Ends Mexican War
- U.S. gains much of Southwest U.S. including parts of present day Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California
- Later pay Mexico compensation for taking land

Gadsden Purchase (1854)

- Purchased from Mexico
- Needed for Southern Transcontinental railroad

Sewards Folly (1867)

- U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia
- Thought to be an ice cube, Alaska proves valuable in being rich in gold and oil resources

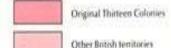
Hawaii (1898)

- Annexed as a territory
- Negotiated with King Kamehameha and Queen Lililowaukalani
- Set up by agricultural sector in Hawaii led by Sanford Dole

U.S. Territorial Growth

TERRITORIAL GROWTH

COLONIAL PERIOD: 1775



UNITED STATES: 1790-1920



States



State claims



Special status areas



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Unorganized territories



Claimed areas.



Foreign areas

1803 Dates of territorial acquisitions

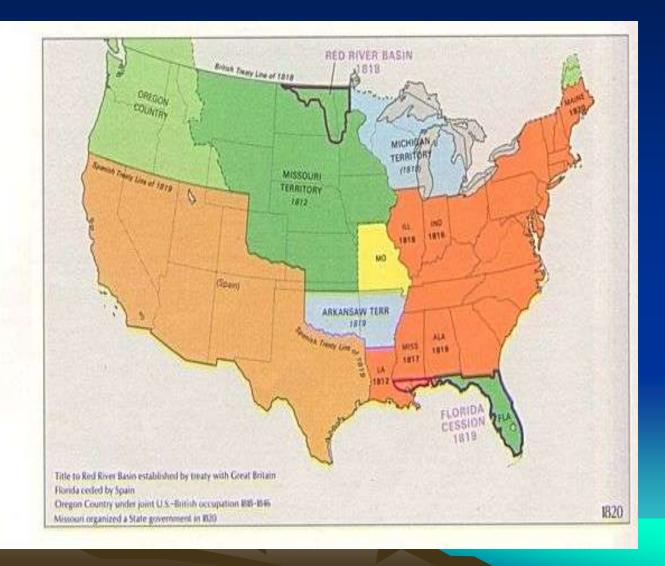
1805 Dates of initial territorial organization

(1809) Dates of latest change within given time period

1812 Dates of admission to the Union

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