Westward Expansion

TERRITORIAL GROWTH

COLONIAL PERIOD: 1775

- Original Thirteen Colonies
- Other British territories

UNITED STATES: 1790–1920

- States
- State claims
- Special status areas
- Territories
- 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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WASH TERR (1863)
MONTANA TERR 1864
DAKOTA TERR 1861 (1868)
IDAHO TERR 1863
WYOMING TERR 1868
NEBRASKA 1867
NEVADA 1864
UTAH TERR (1868)
COLO TERR 1861
KANSAS 1861
W VA 1863
VA 1870
ARIZONA TERR 1863
NEW MEXICO TERR (1863)
GREER COUNTY
Unorganized Terr
ARK 1868
TENN 1866
N C 1868
S C 1865
MISS 1870
ALA 1868
GA 1870
TEXAS 1870
LA 1868
FLA 1868
ALASKA 1867

Alaska purchased from Russia
Red band encloses Confederate States 1861–1865;
dates underlined refer to readmission to the Union

1870
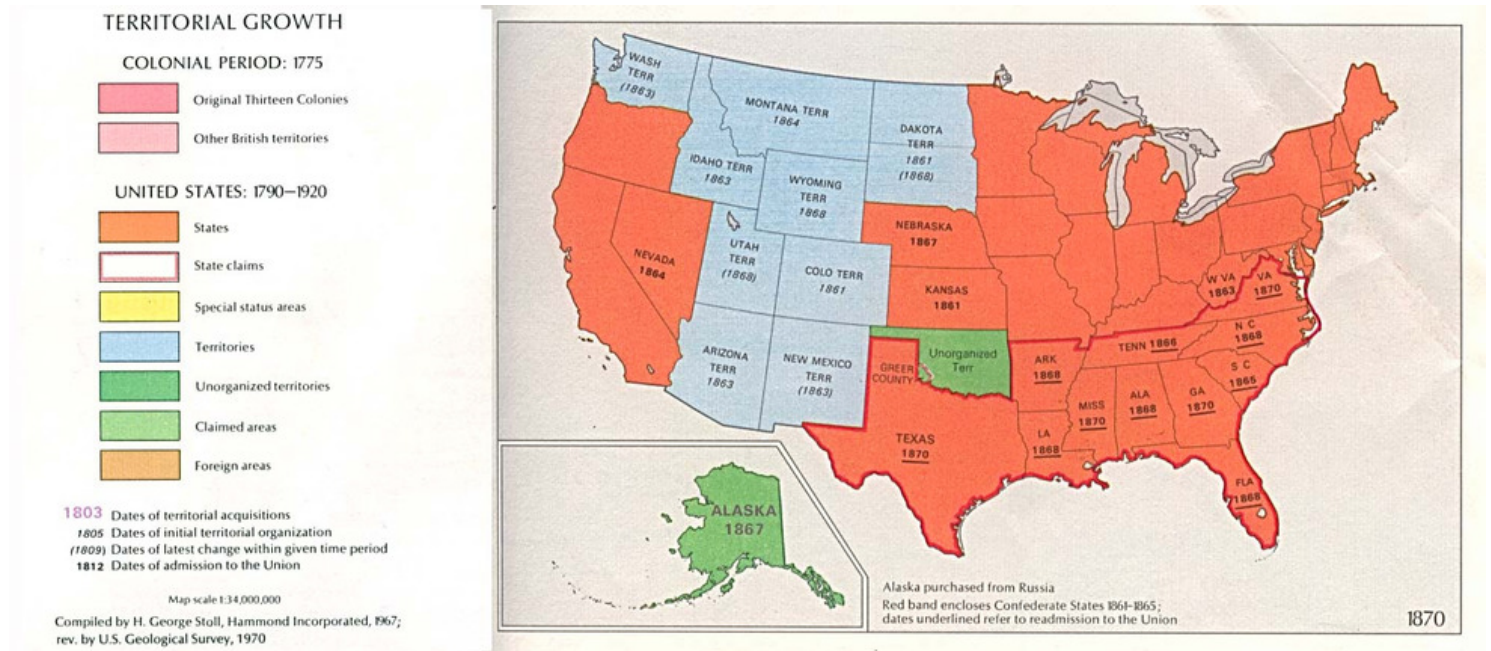
A time period in the mid–1800s when the U.S. wanted to expand their territory from the East coast to the West coast.

Lesson: Westward Expansion

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Computer Scientist

A person who creates computer programs, like games you can play on a phone.

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Virtual Reality

Technology that lets people see three dimensional images.

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Transcontinental Railroad
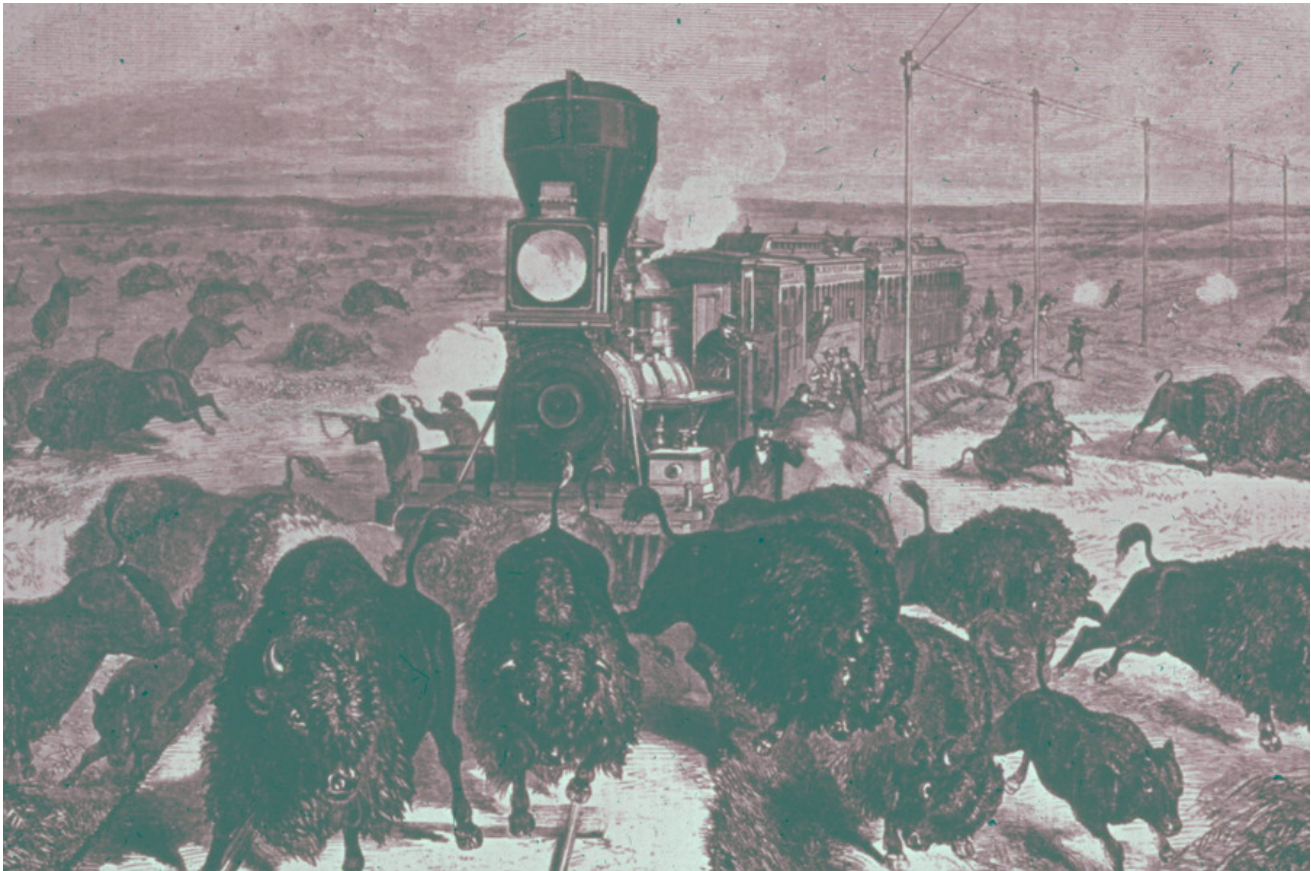
The first railroad to span the United States from coast to coast. It was built between 1863–1869.

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Manifest Destiny

The idea that the U.S. had the right to expand their country as far west as they wanted. This idea allowed the U.S. to justify their expanding borders.

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