

Historical Eras



Characteristics of a Historical Era

- 1) They have certain recognizable characteristics.**
- 2) They often overlap with other eras and time periods.**
- 3) They are often unique to a specific country or area.**

Timeline of **Significant Eras and Events** in US History



How did America
become the American
that we know?

Era: Exploration and Colonization



Why did they
explore?

Europeans
explore
and Colonize



Event: 1607 Jamestown

- Created in **Virginia**
- **1st permanent English settlement**



Event: 1620 **Mayflower Compact**



- *Mayflower* ship
- Pilgrims landed at **Plymouth Rock** in present-day **Massachusetts**
- **Mayflower Compact** – contract in which they agreed to **self government** and fair **laws** to **protect** the **general good**



Britain begins to make rules to pay for the war against the French and to keep colonists from fighting with the Native Americans.

British
Taxes

Boston Tea
Party



Boston Massacre



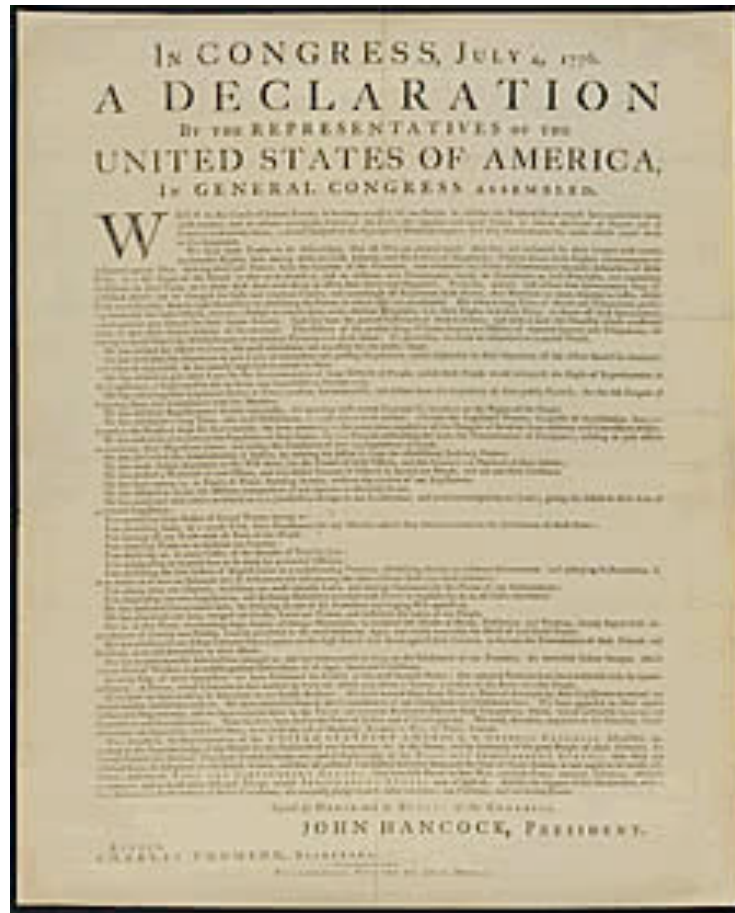


Event: 1763 Proclamation Line

British Rules

Proclamation Line-
limits exploration

Event 1776: Declaration of Independence



Reasons for leaving Britain

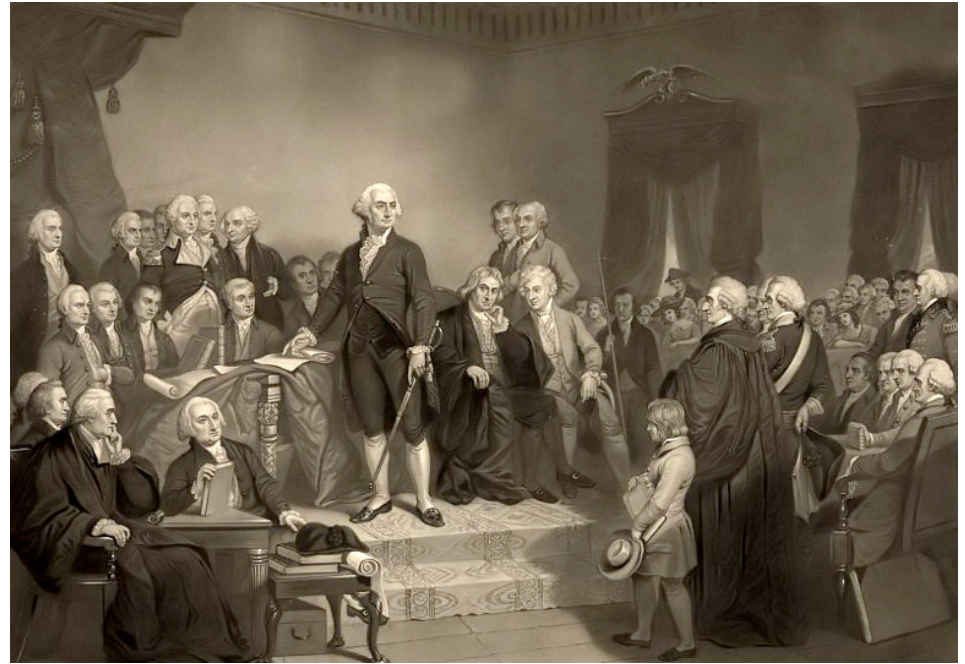
Era: Revolutionary Era



Colonies V. Britain

Era: **Early Republic** 1789-1812

New federal
government, first
political parties;
uncertain
international
relations; **expansion**
to the Mississippi



Event: 1803

Louisiana Purchase



Napoleon offered to sell the entire Louisiana Territory to the United States for \$15 million. **It doubled the size of the US.**

Era: **Westward Expansion** 1812-1845



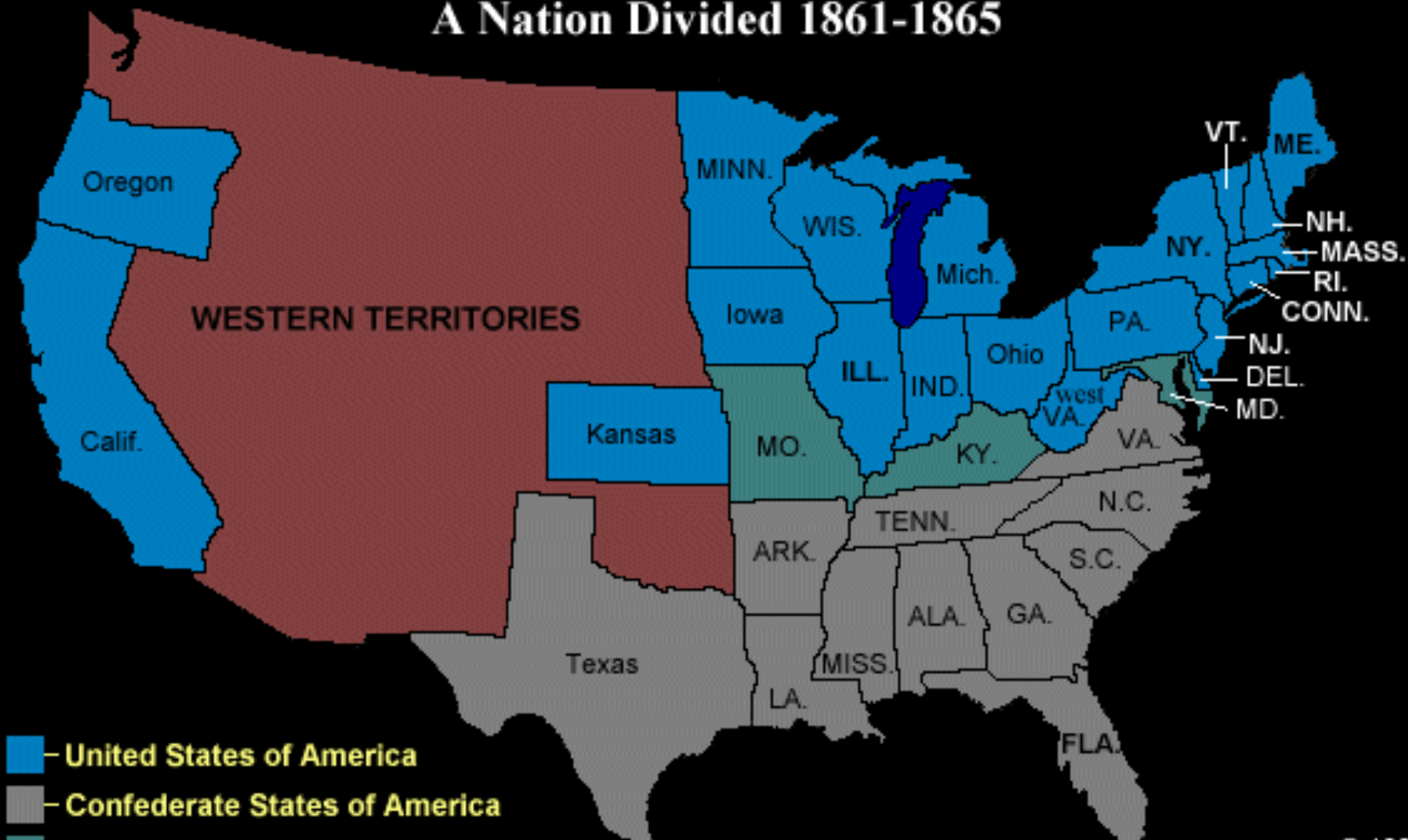
Growth in **transportation** and industry; Jacksonian democracy;
Manifest Destiny; removal of **Native Americans**




Era: Sectionalism and Antebellum

1836-1860

North	South
Geography: Cold, rocky soil	Geography: Warm, rich soil
Economy: Industry	Economy: Agriculture
Population Development: Urban	Population Development: Rural
Free Labor	Slave Labor

A Nation Divided 1861-1865



-  - United States of America
-  - Confederate States of America
-  - Border States



Event: 1861 **American Civil War**

Union vs. Confederacy
Slavery and States Rights

Era: Reconstruction (1865-1876)



Even through disagreements, American attempts to put history aside **rebuild** and get back together **after the Civil War**



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