

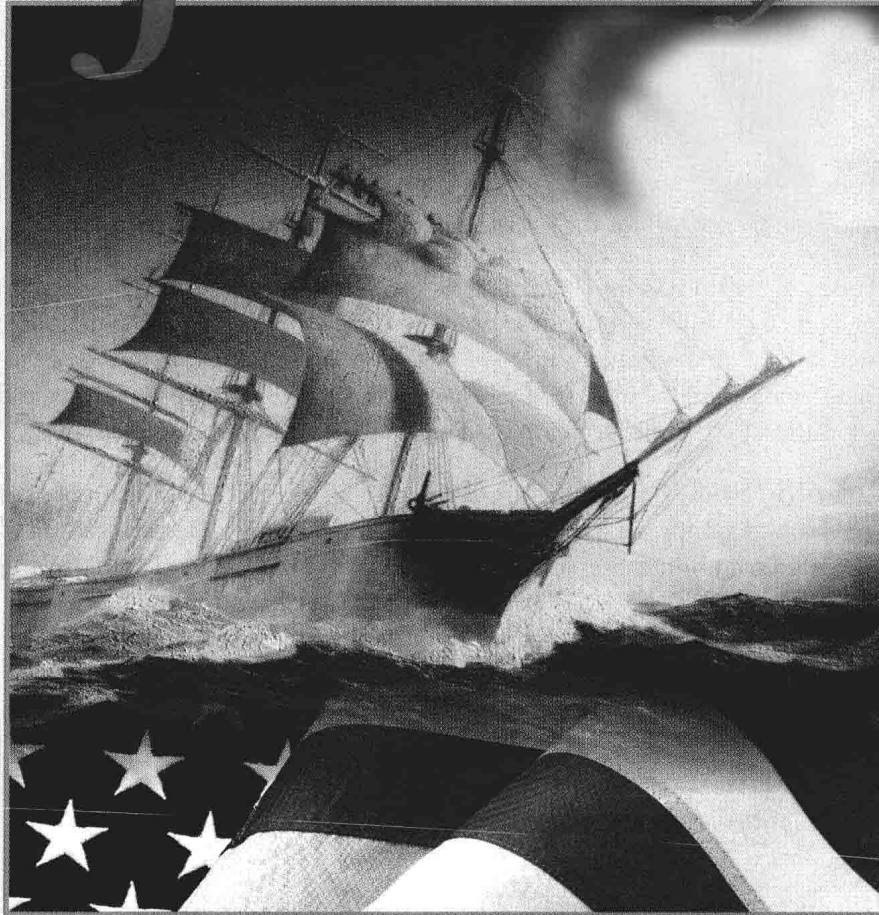
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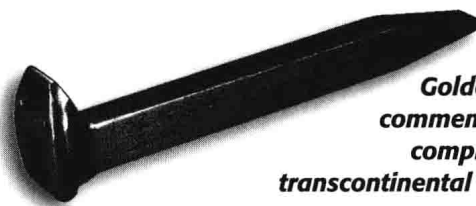
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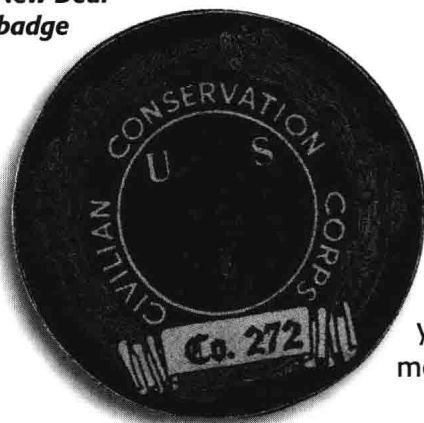
What Is American History?

American history is people, events, places, documents, art, inventions, literature. In other words—American history is everything about the adventures of all Americans—past and present.



*Golden spike
commemorating
completion of
transcontinental railroad*

*New Deal
badge*



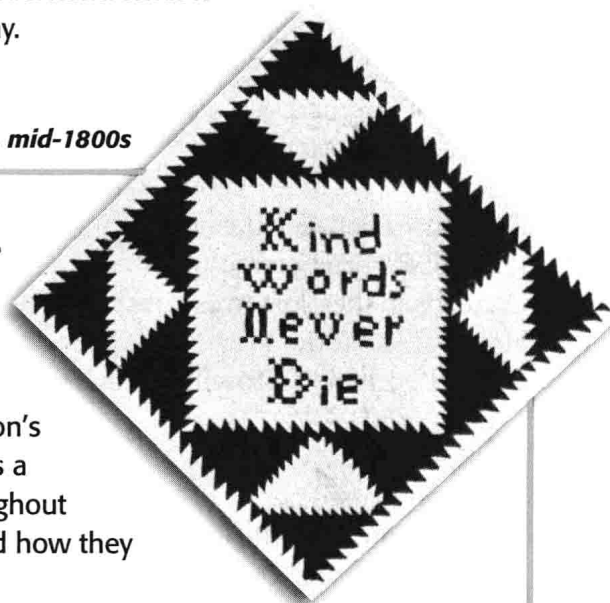
Why Study American History?

Only by learning about the past can you truly understand the present. Only by learning about your nation's past can you understand what it means to be an American today.

Detail from quilt, mid-1800s

How Can I Remember Everything?

The American Journey helps you learn about your nation's past by organizing its history around 10 themes. A **theme** is a concept, or main idea, that happens again and again throughout history. Themes help you understand events in the past and how they affect you today.



Using the Themes in *The American Journey*

To help you learn about your nation's history, the authors have identified major themes for every section of *The American Journey*. You will find these listed under **Chapter Themes** at the beginning of every chapter. You can check your understanding of these themes in every **Section Assess-**

ment. Finally, in the Reviewing Themes section of every **Chapter Assessment** you are asked questions that help you put it all together to better understand how ideas are connected across time—and to see why history is important to you today. Read more about these themes on the next page.

What Do the Themes in The American Journey Mean?

1. Culture and Traditions Being aware of cultural differences helps us understand ourselves and others.

2. Continuity and Change Recognizing our historic roots helps us understand why things are the way they are today.

3. Geography and History Understanding geography helps us understand how humans interact with their environment.

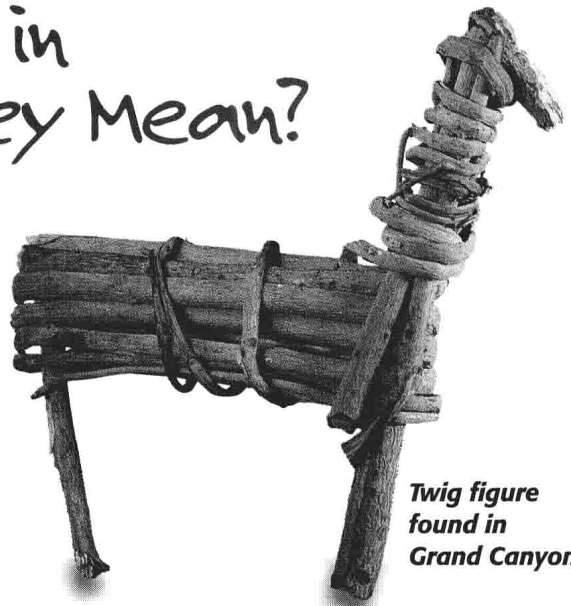
4. Individual Action Recognizing the contributions of men and women in history helps us see patterns of power, influence, and progress.

5. Groups and Institutions Identifying how political and social groups and institutions work helps us work together.

6. Government and Democracy Understanding the workings of government helps us become good citizens.

7. Economic Factors Understanding production, distribution, and consumption helps us see how economic factors influence our lives.

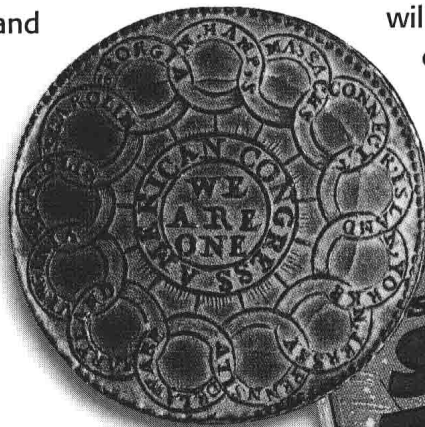
8. Science and Technology Understanding the roles of science and technology helps us see their impact on our society today and the roles they will play in the future.



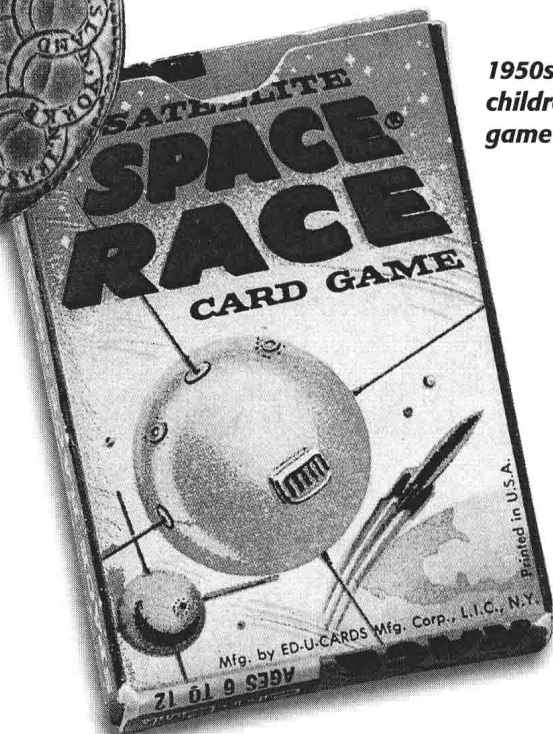
Twig figure found in Grand Canyon

9. Global Connections Being aware of global interdependence helps us make decisions and deal with the difficult issues we will encounter.

10. Civic Rights and Responsibilities Recognizing America's democratic principles will help us claim and fulfill our own civic duties.



Continental coin



1950s children's game

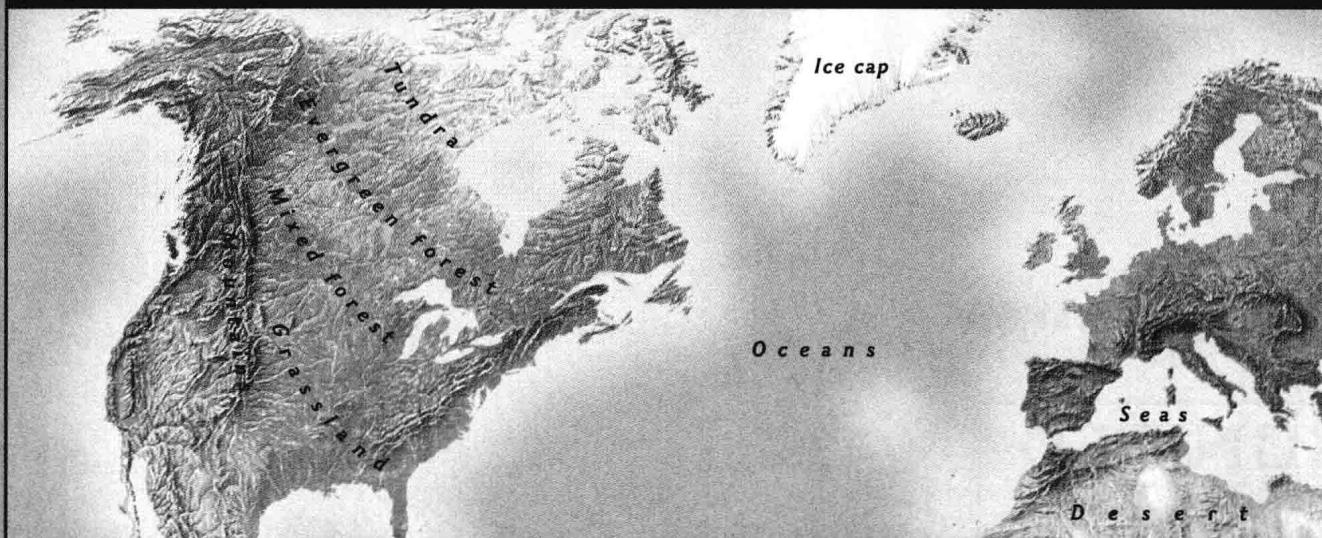


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United States Political	RA4
United States Physical	RA6
Middle America Physical/Political	RA8
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World Political	RA12

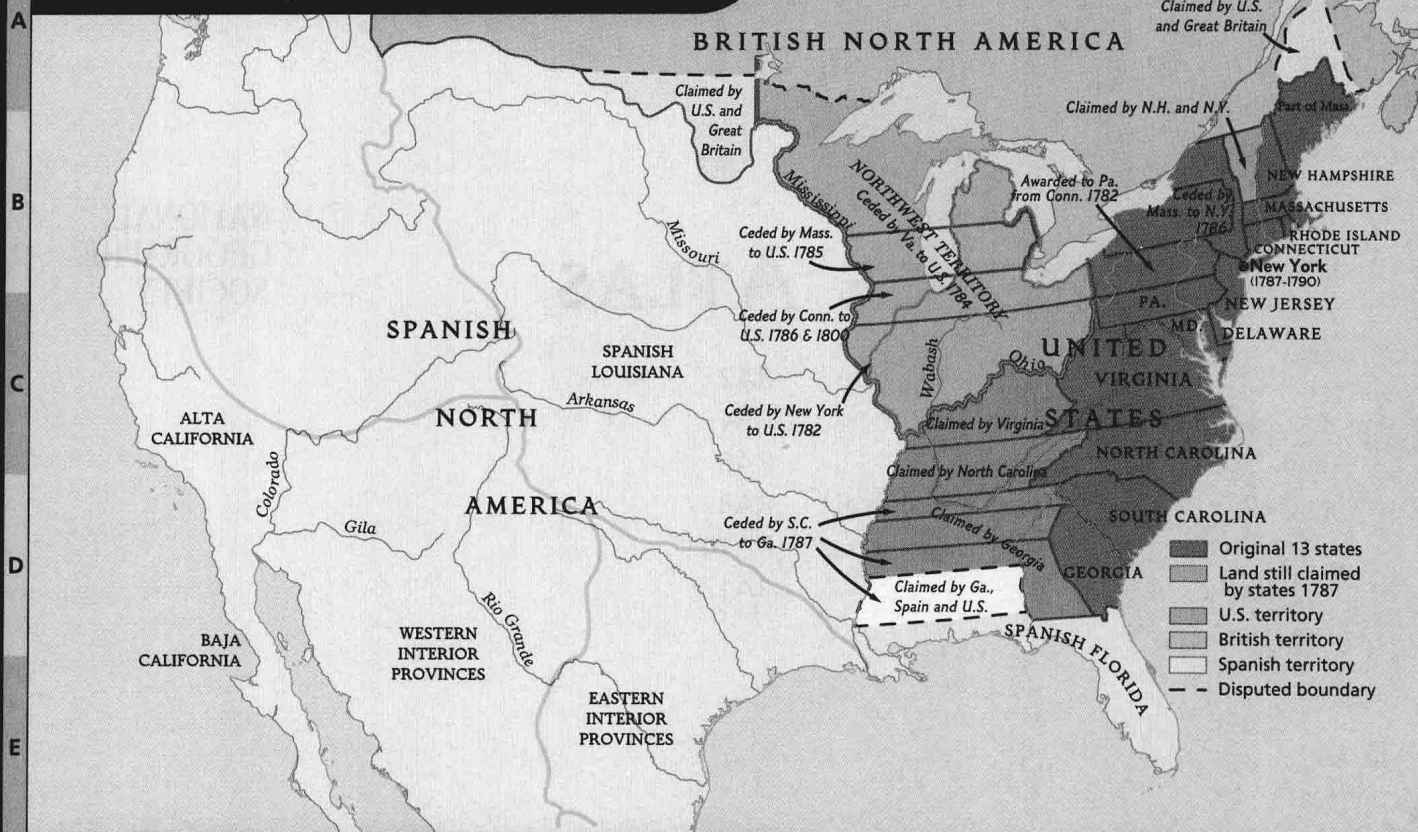
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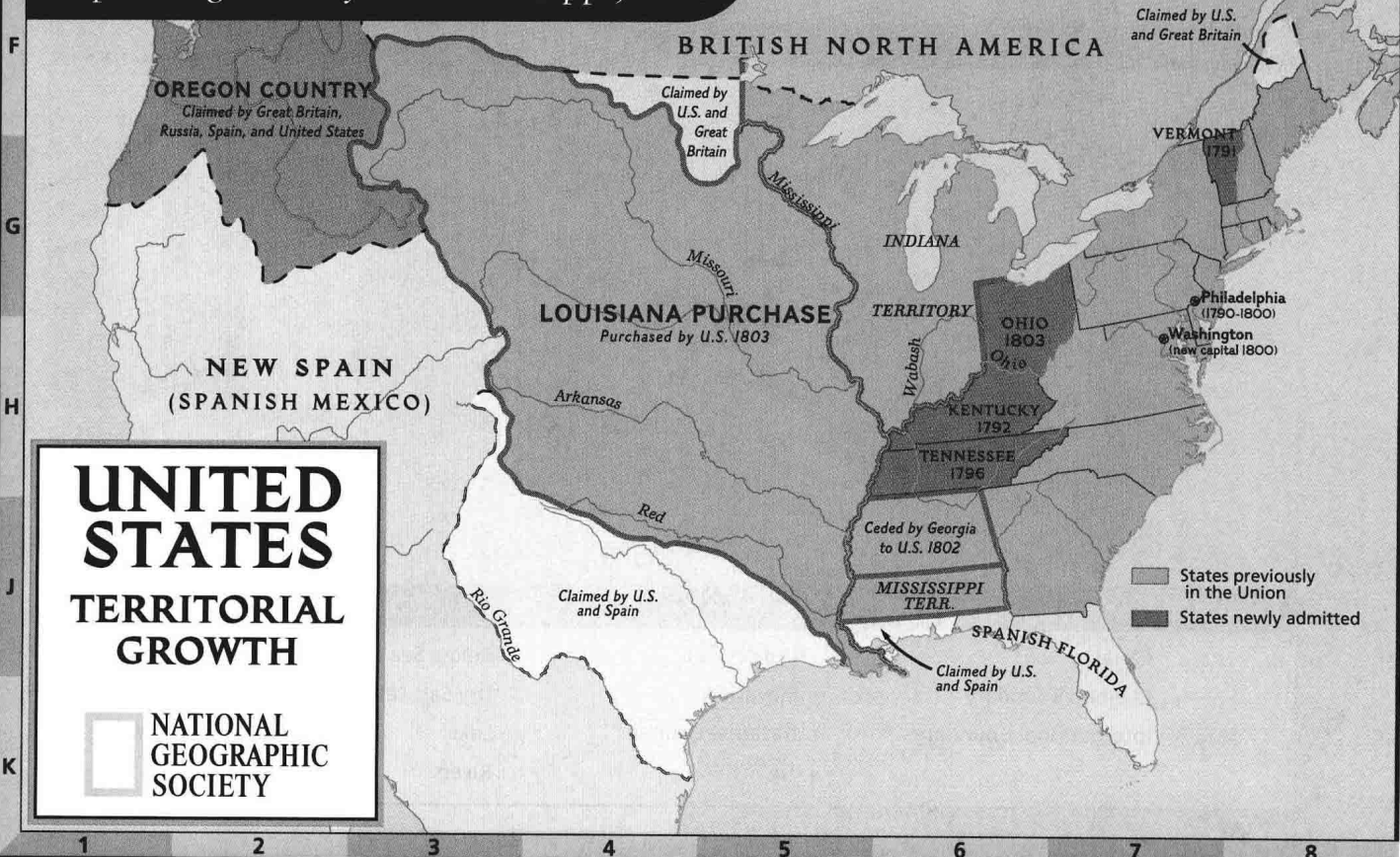
SYMBOL KEY

Canal	Depression	Below Sea Level	Lava
Claimed Boundary	Elevation	Dry Salt Lake	Sand
International Boundary	National Capital	Lake	Swamp
Towns		Rivers	

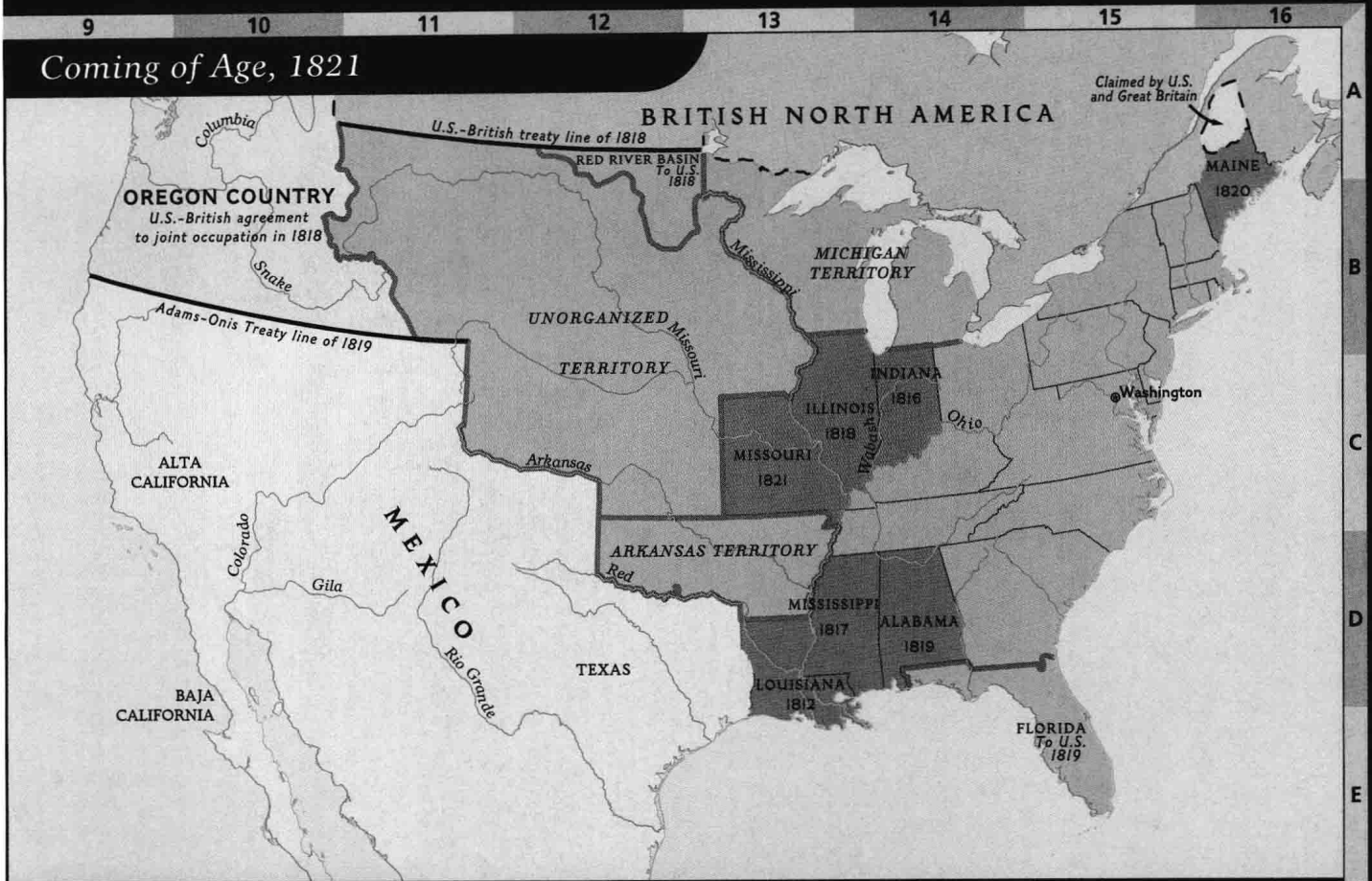
A New Nation, 1787



Expanding West of the Mississippi, 1803



Coming of Age, 1821



Coast to Coast, 1850 and beyond



