



Geography Lesson: Then and Now

Look at this map from Peter Parley's *Geography for Beginners*, 1847. Then compare it with the map of the United States today.

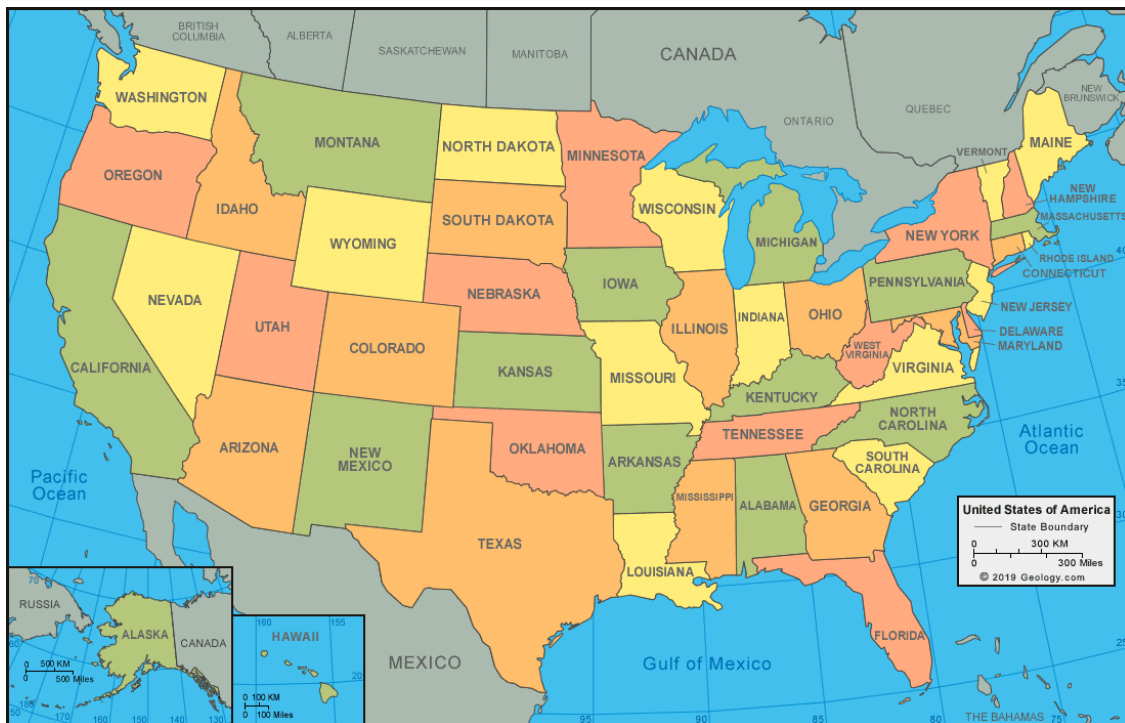
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Lesson XXVIII. ... United States: Situation, &c.

1. The *United States* occupy the central portion of North America: the territory extends from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, a distance of 2500 miles; but the settled portion includes only the eastern half.
2. The United States consist of *twenty-six different states*, and several *territories*. The states, for convenience, are frequently spoken of under *four divisions*, viz.:—*New England*, or the *Eastern States*; the *Middle States*; the *Southern States*; and the *Western States*.
3. The *New England States* are, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The *Middle States* are, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.
4. The *Southern States* are, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The *Western States* are, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Arkansas.

LESSON XXVIII. 1. What is the situation of the United States? What of its territory? Of the settled portions? How are the United States bounded on the north? South? East? West? To answer these questions, see Map of North America, p. 44. 2. How many states are the United States composed of? What four divisions are made of them for convenience? 3. What are the Eastern States? The Middle? 4. The Southern? The Western?

From Peter Parley's *Geography for Beginners*, 1847



Answer the following questions based on the maps above.

1. Take a quick look at both maps. What do you see is the same?
What is different?

2. In the page from the 1847 textbook, what does settled mean when talking about land?

3. What part of the United States was considered settled in 1847?

4. How many states are there in 1847? ____ How many are there now? ____

5. How many Regions or Divisions of the US were there in 1847?

6. Can you name some of the regions of the United States now?

7. What states are listed as Western States?

8. What states do we consider Western now?

9. Look at the 1847 map. What country is listed above the map?

10. What is the country called on the modern map?