

-Americans begin moving west for opportunity

* III. Westward Expansion & Manifest Destiny Continued



*1. Mormons

- a religion moves west to escape religious persecution
- Mormons believed in polygamy (many wives)
- founded by Joseph Smith in Western N.Y.



* Brigham Young leads Mormons west after Smith is murdered

* Mormons found Salt Lake City, Utah

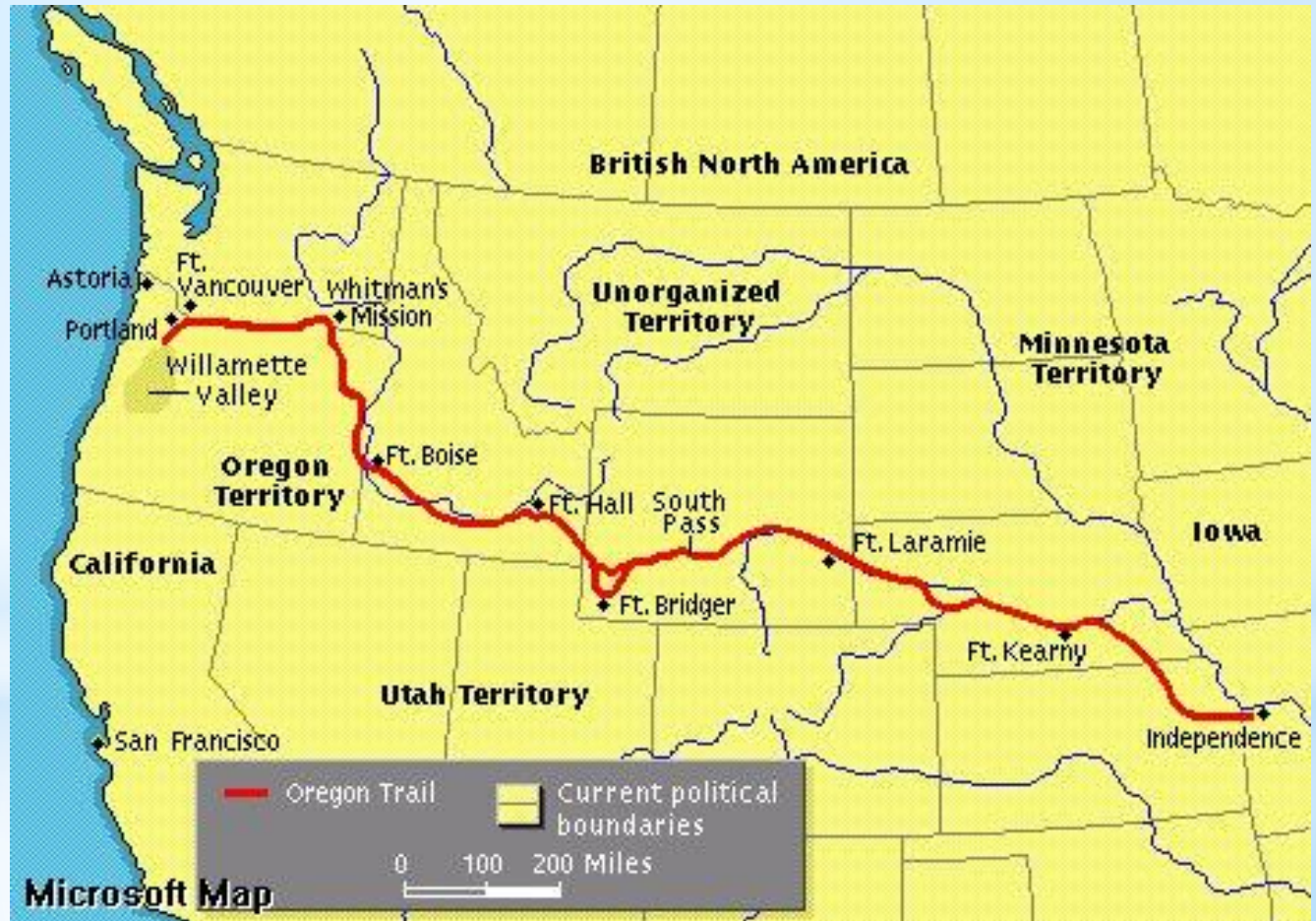
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Mormons, 1830-1851



* 2. Oregon Territory

- Pacific Northwest = very rich furs & excellent farmland
- “Mountain Men” = hardy fur trappers who came to the Oregon Territory first in Oregon



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- Mountain Men blaze the trails for later settlers (trailblazers)
- missionaries came out to convert Native American Indians (send letters about good land)
- “Oregon Fever” – thousands of settlers cross the Oregon Trail to get land



* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXjsZc1my1o>

* Oregon Trail Video



Westward Expansion (1803-1853)

Leaving Home: Push and Pull Factors

Directions: Identify whether the following circumstances are a reason why people want to leave their life in the East (Push Factors) or if it is a reason why the people have chosen to move to the West (Pull Factors)

- There is no way for me to own land here.
- I lost everything when the banks closed.
- People here try to limit what I can become.
- People here are dying of Cholera.
- The West is an untapped market for trade.
- The natural resources are abundant.

- There's gold out there, and I'm going to find it!
- It will be less crowded, so there will be less illness.
- I cannot live where there is slavery.
- The railroads are headed West.
- The land is cheap!
- The city is becoming overcrowded.

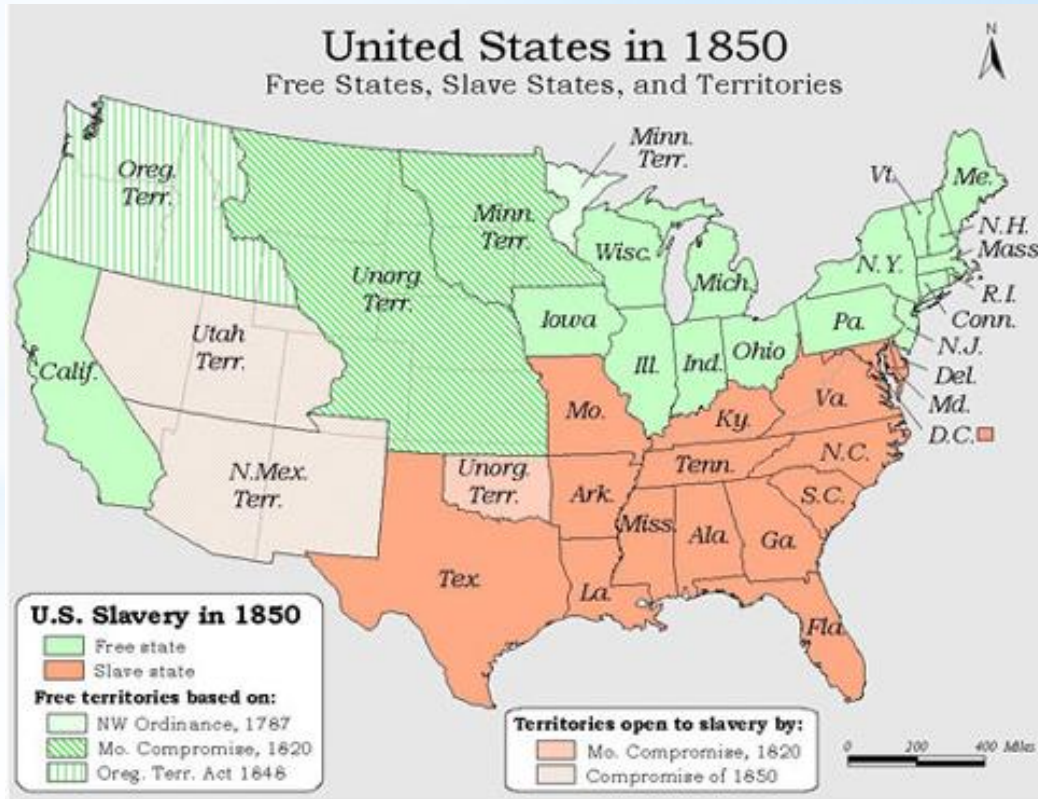
* 3. California Becomes a State (1850)

- gold is discovered in California

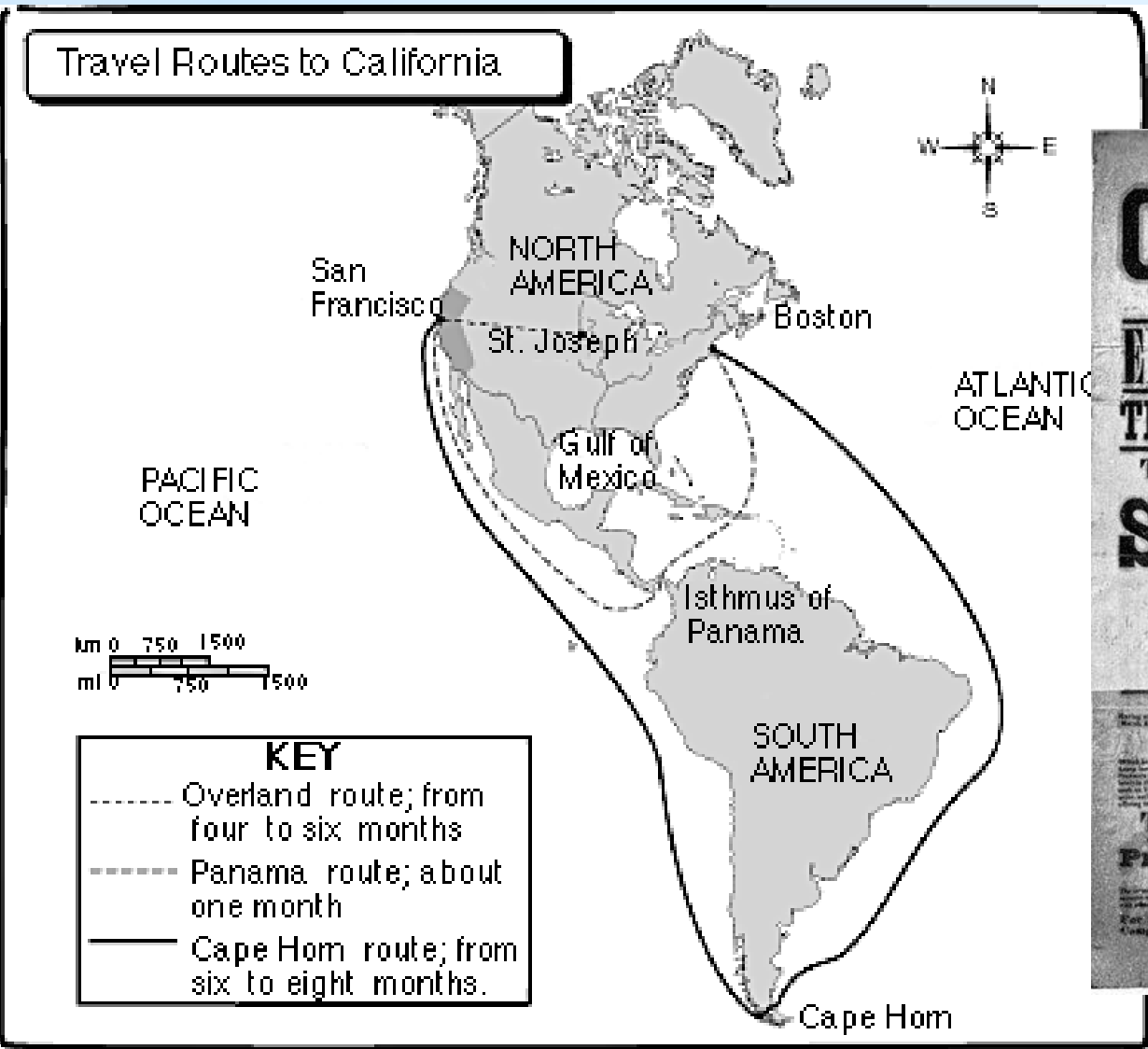


1850

Results = thousands of people rush to California in 1849



* thousands more come by sea routes
Gold Rush



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DIRECT
EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS!!
THIRTY-FIVE DAYS TO THE GOLD REGIONS!
The "California Steam Navigation Co."
Will dispatch their first vessel from New-York, the "SUN" and "SPLENDID"
STEAM SHIP!
NICARAGUA
DAVID JERROLD, Master, politely
On FRIDAY, MARCH 23d, 1849,
Via the River St. Juan and Lake Nicaragua, across the Isthmus of Leon.

Capt. BRONSON, of the U. S. Topographical Engineers,
200 JACK ASSES!

The Quickest, Safest and Cheapest!!!
Price of Passage Through Ninety Dollars!
To be paid in SPECIE, Dollars and Half Dollars, taken only.

For further particulars apply on board, at the foot of South Street, N. Y. or to the undersigned Agents for the Company. Applications by mail, to meet attention, must be paid paid, addressed to the Company's Agents.
HOBSON, BROTHERS & Co., 137 Wall Street, (opposite the Bullhead).

White miners quickly asserted control in California.

Minorities faced violence in the gold fields and discrimination in the courts.

Native Americans were killed or lost their land. Others found work on farms and ranches.

Old Mexican land titles were generally ignored. Most of the original Californians were dispossessed.

The Chinese were targeted by a foreign miner's tax and mob violence.

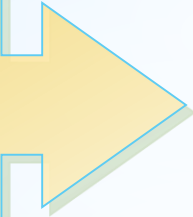
Mexicans also had to pay a foreign miner's tax.

* Gold Rush Video

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDkqvqqjMAA>



By October 1849,
California prepared
to seek admission
into the Union.



Most Californians
opposed slavery, so
California's
admission as a free
state would tip the
15 slave and 15 free
state balance
in the U.S. Senate.

Debate over the
spread of slavery
into the territories
obtained from
Mexico became a
leading cause of the
Civil War.

What problems were created by the vast increase in population California experienced as a result of the Gold Rush?

In what ways did the California people try to protect themselves from the resulting problems?

* Interactive Map

* <http://www.learner.org/interactives/historymap/states.html>

