LEQ: Where were the first shots of the Civil War?

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This mural shows cadets from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina located in Charleston, South Carolina. The Citadel cadets are firing on the *Star of the West* on January 9, 1861. The ship was bringing supplies to the United States soldiers in Fort Sumter, which is shown on the left. The *Star of the West*, did not proceed to Fort Sumter after it was fired on. This mural was painted by David Humphreys Miller (1918-1992). It is displayed in the Daniel Library at the Citadel. This image is courtesy of posix.com.
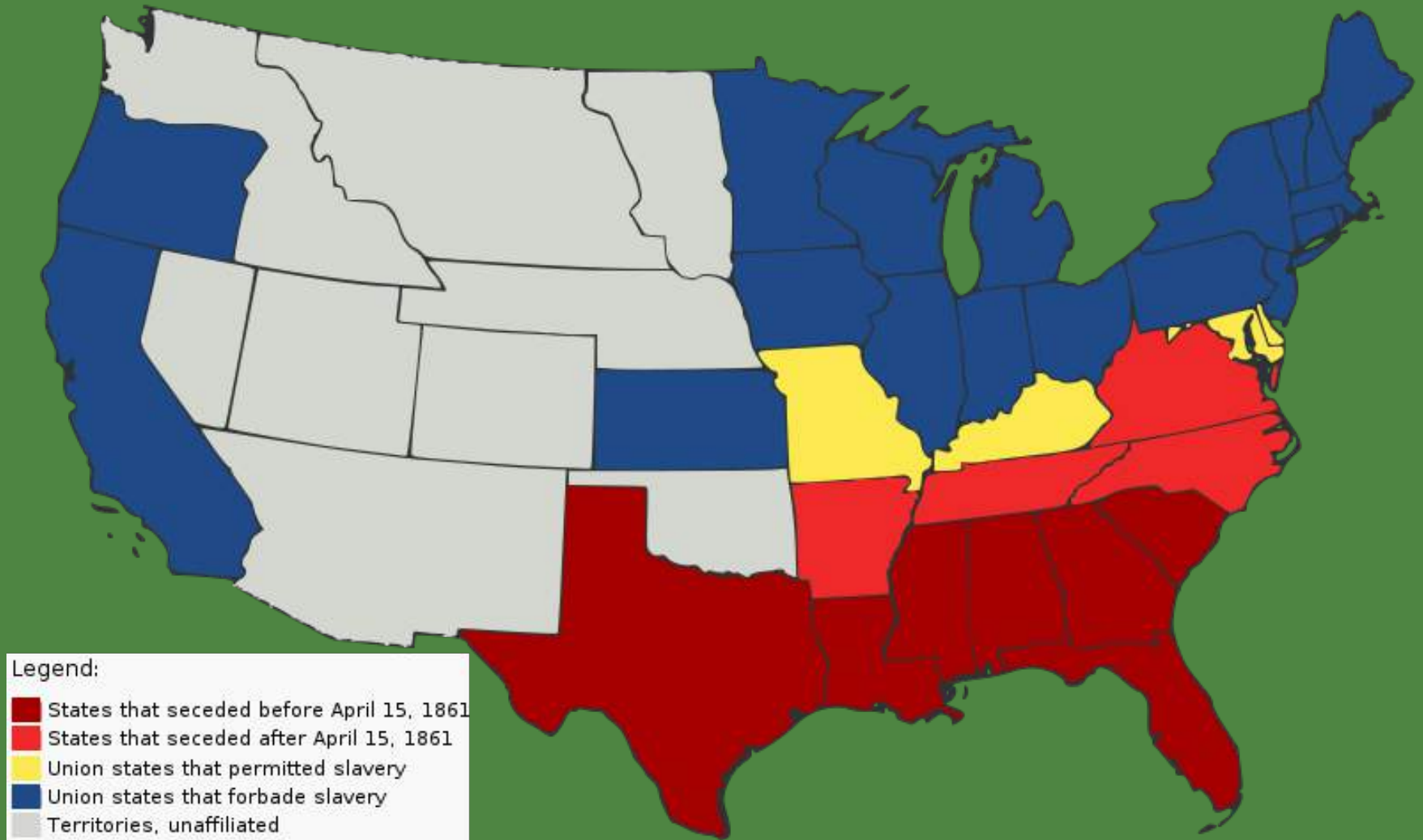
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Vocabulary

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The border states were slave states that the United States technically kept in the Union. They sent troops to both sides during the war.

This image shows the Kentucky State Monument on the Chickamauga Battlefield in northern Georgia. The monument is to Kentucky troops from both sides because on this spot Kentucky Union troops fought Kentucky Confederate troops during the battle. This image is courtesy of the National Park Service.

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This town is declared under Martial Law. All citizens and soldiers except the guard, will retire to their quarters at 8 o'clock, P. M. A strong force will be stationed in the town. All persons found in the streets will be arrested.— Any one attempting to fire any building will be shot without trial.

W. J. HARDEE,

Bowling-Green, Feb. 13th, 1862.   Maj. Gen.

Both sides declared martial law during the American Civil War. This image shows a poster issued by Confederate Major William J. Hardee when he imposed martial law on the citizens of Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1862. This image is courtesy of Western Kentucky University.

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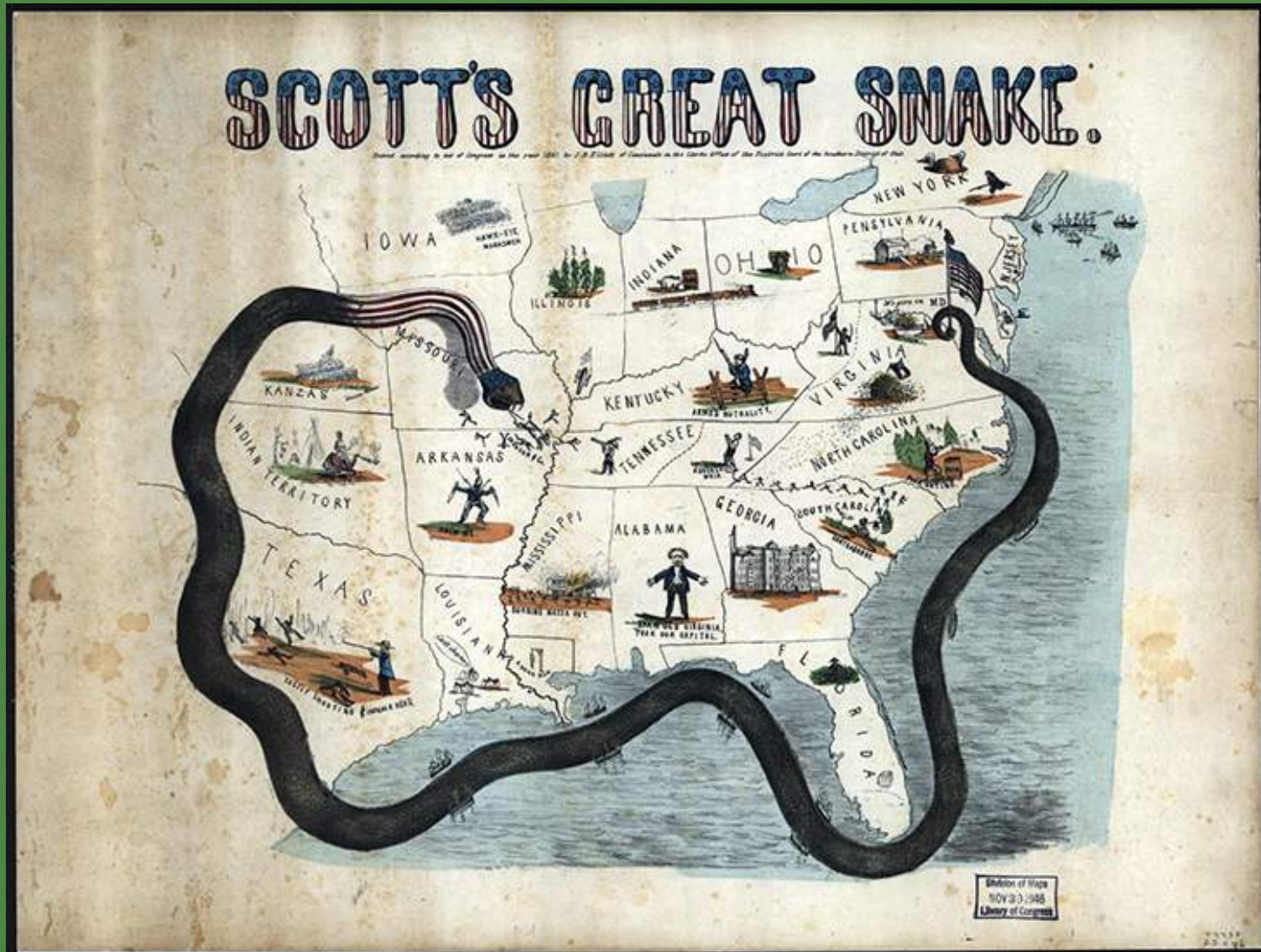
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At the beginning of the Civil War, if one was not protecting a town or a fort, most of the fighting was "in the open" with soldiers maneuvering across large open spaces or through woods. Near the end of the Civil War, much of the fighting was performed in the trenches. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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People to Meet

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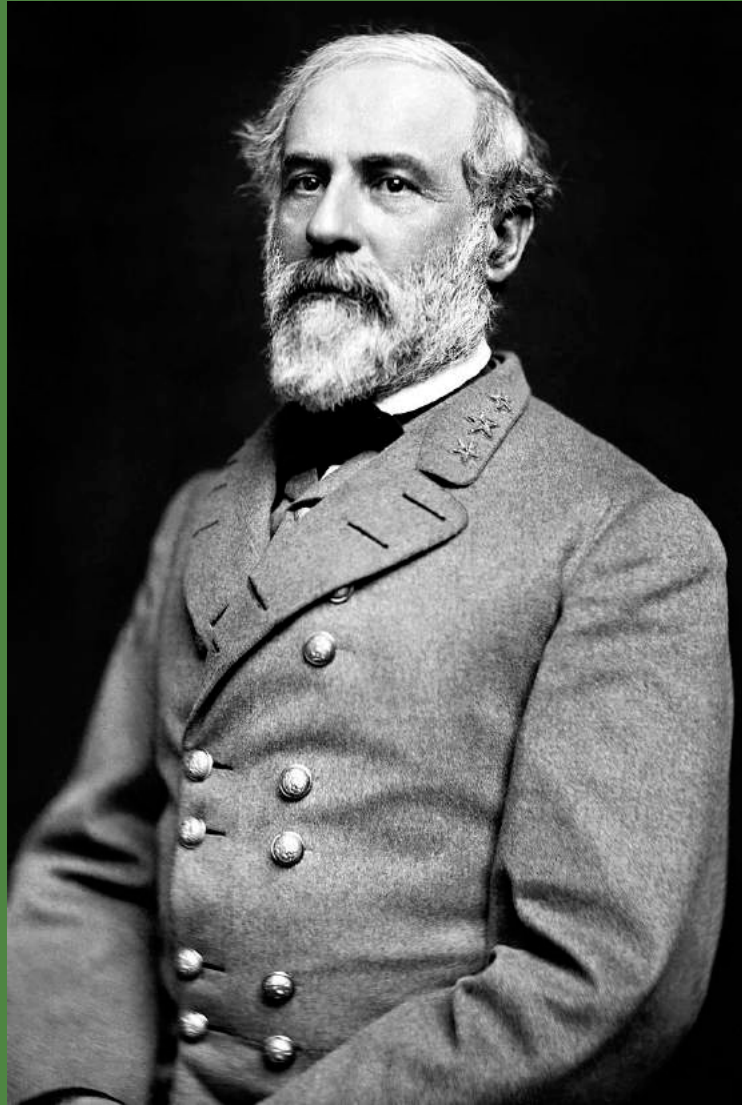
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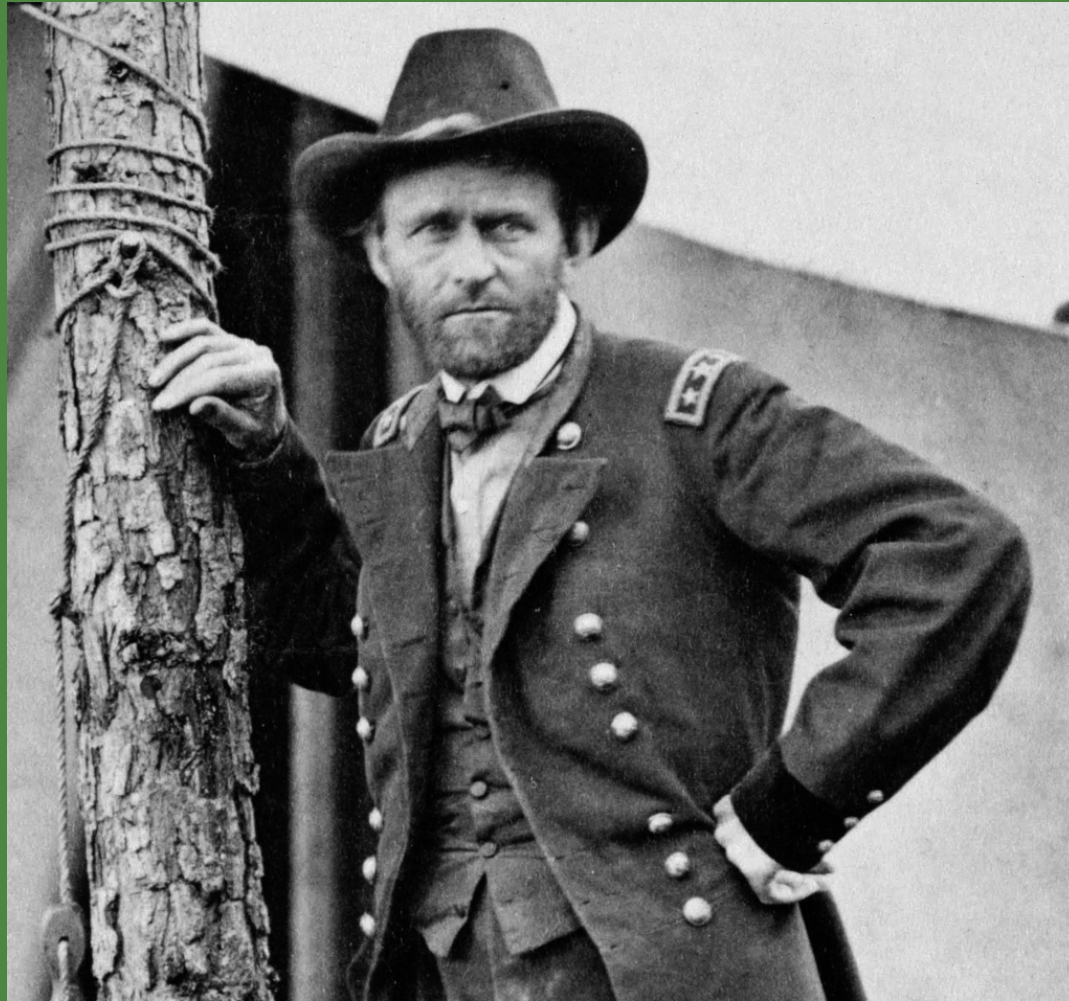
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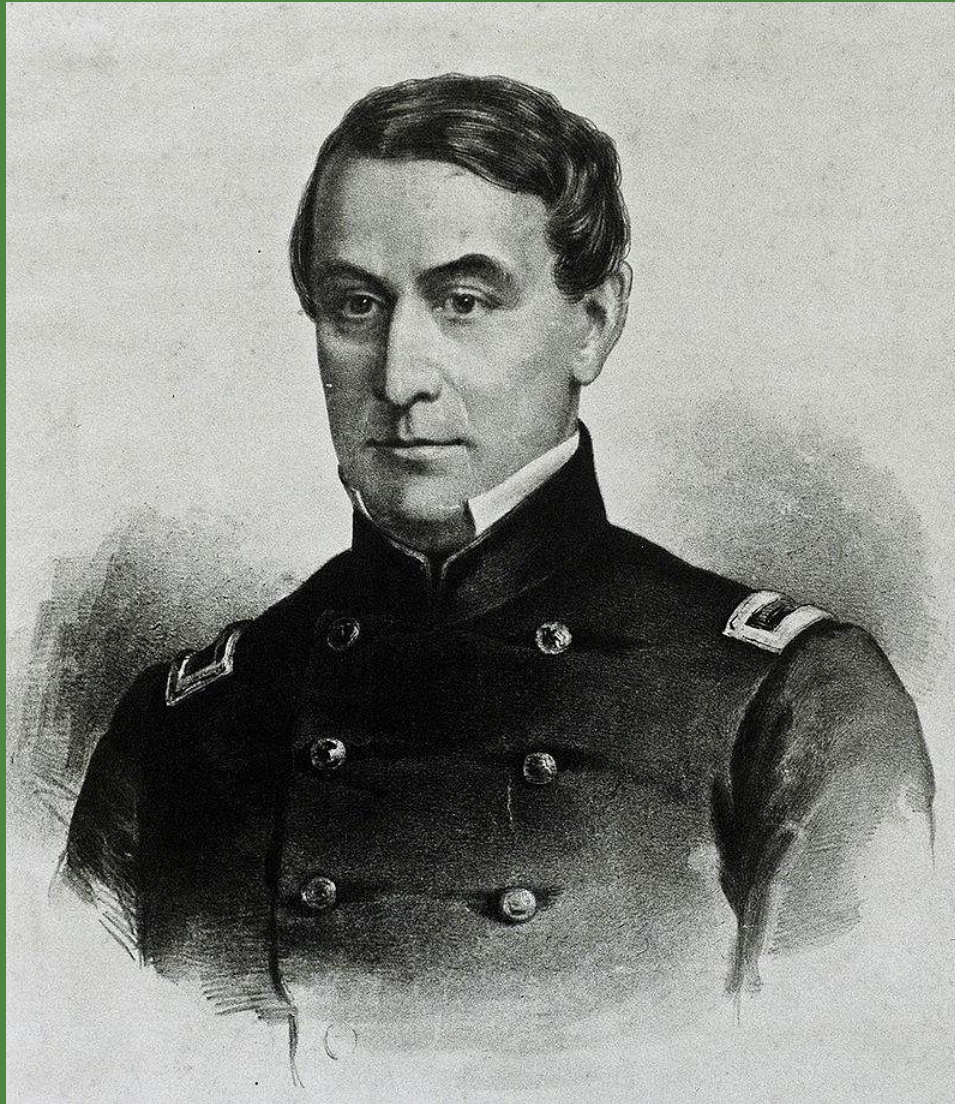
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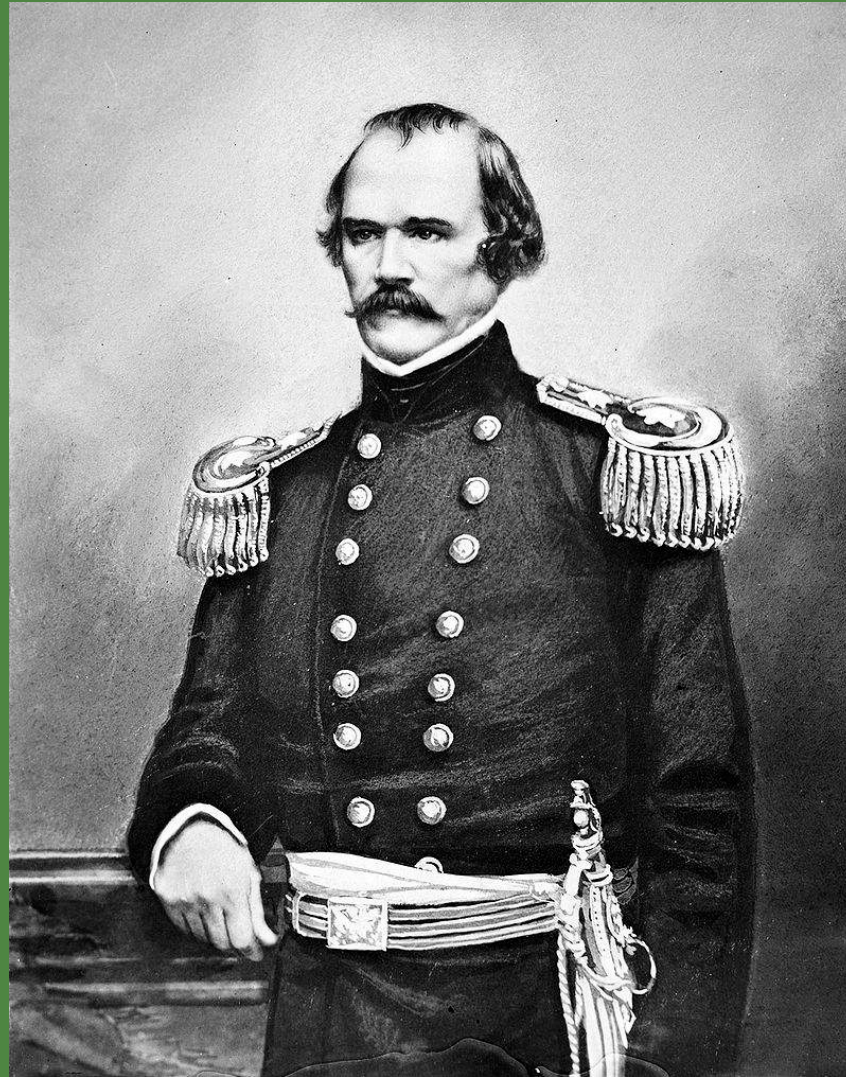
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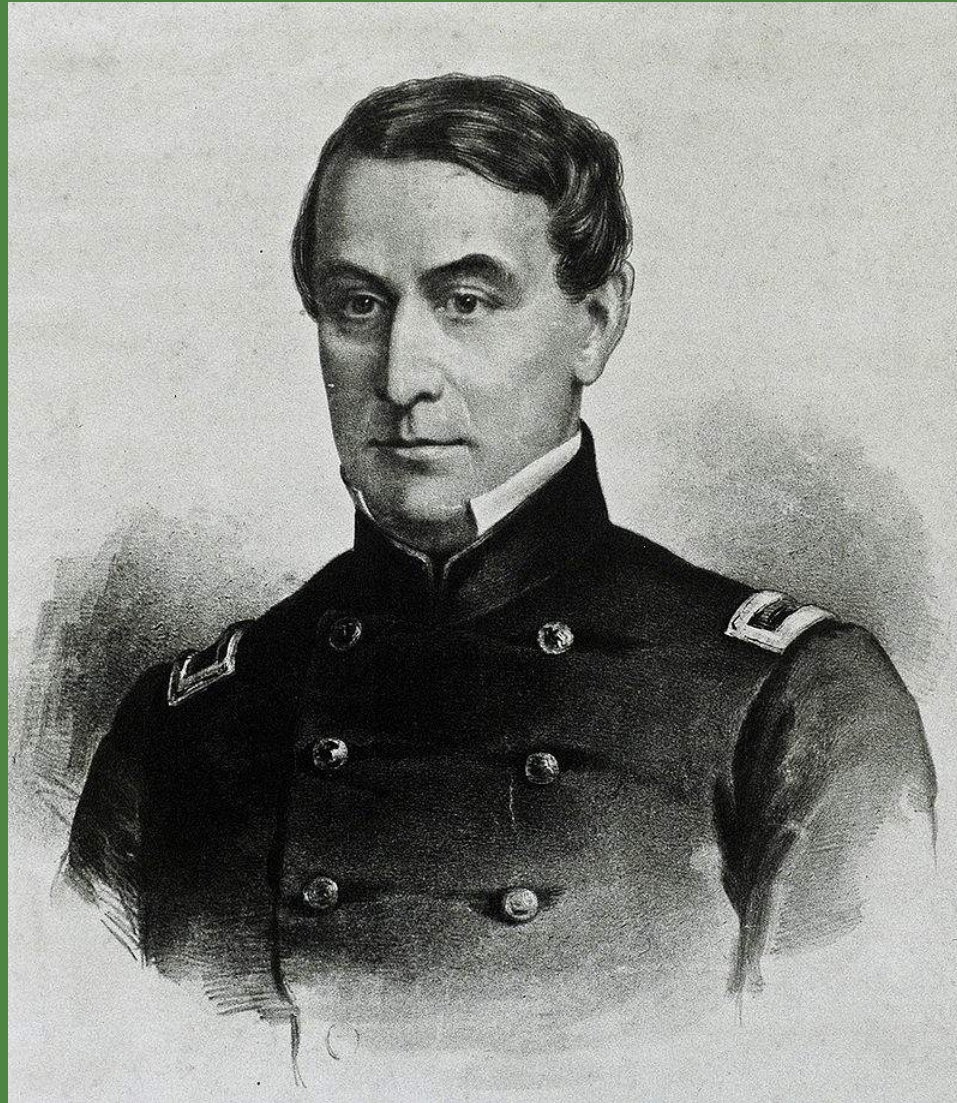
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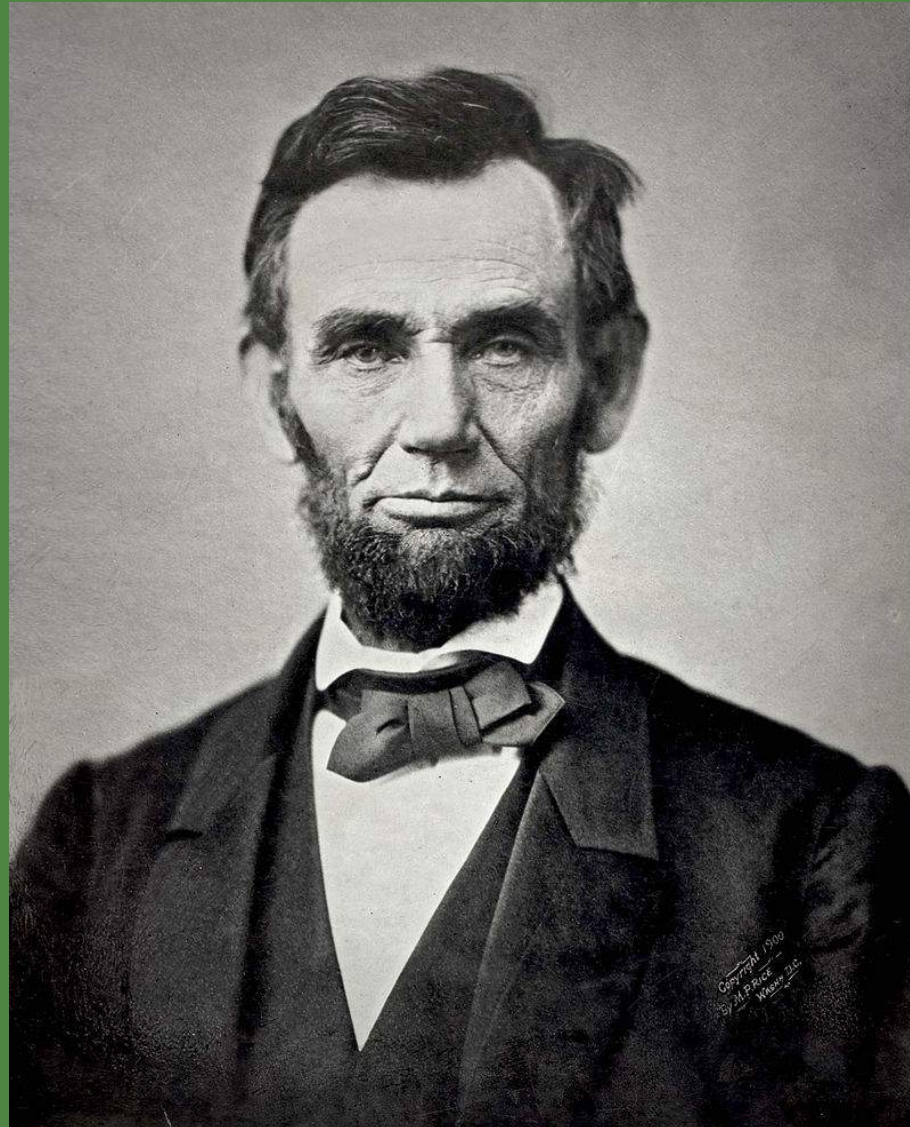
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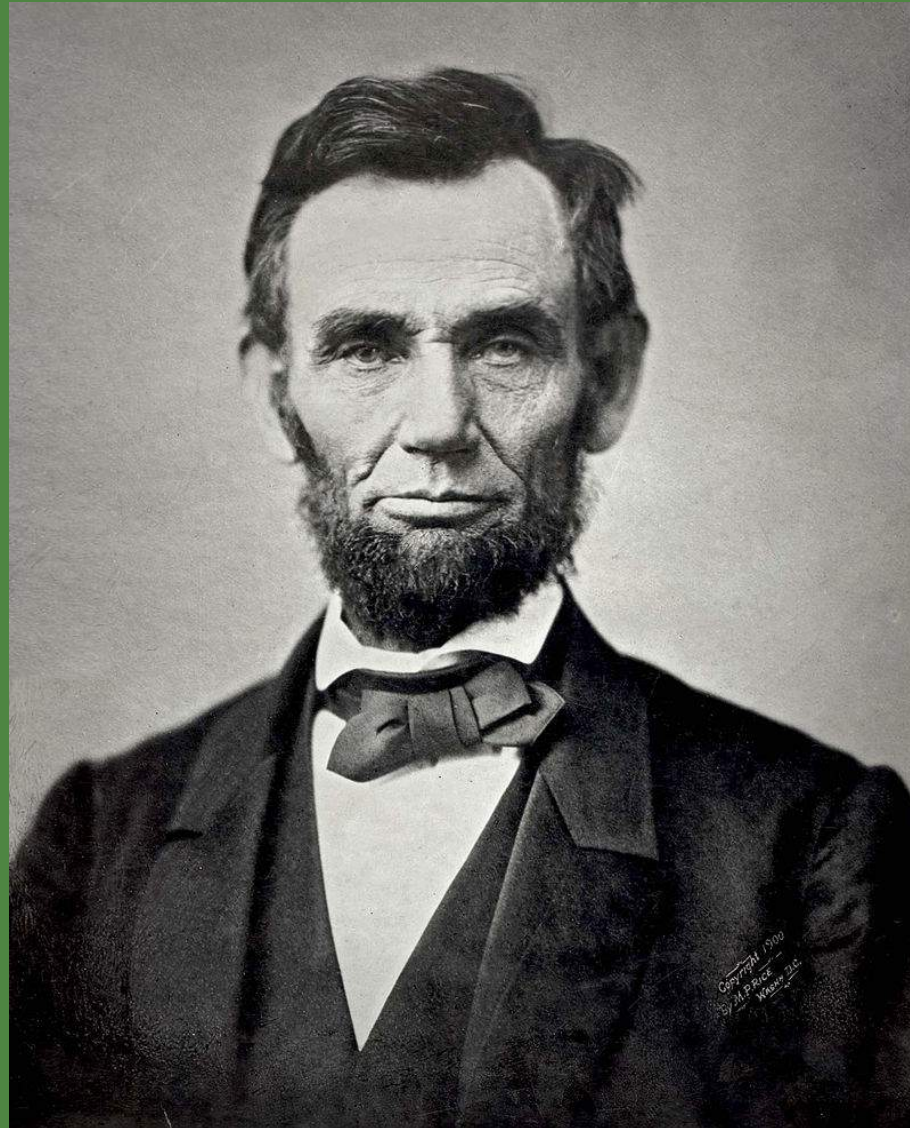
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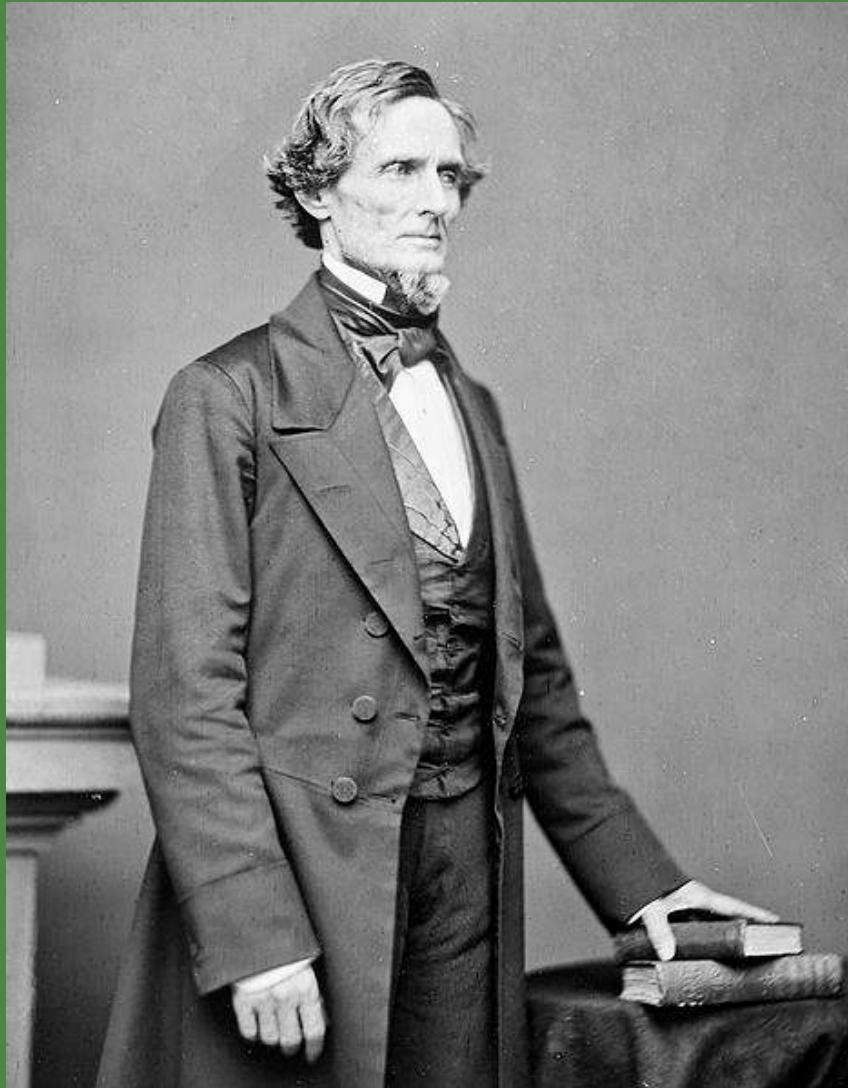
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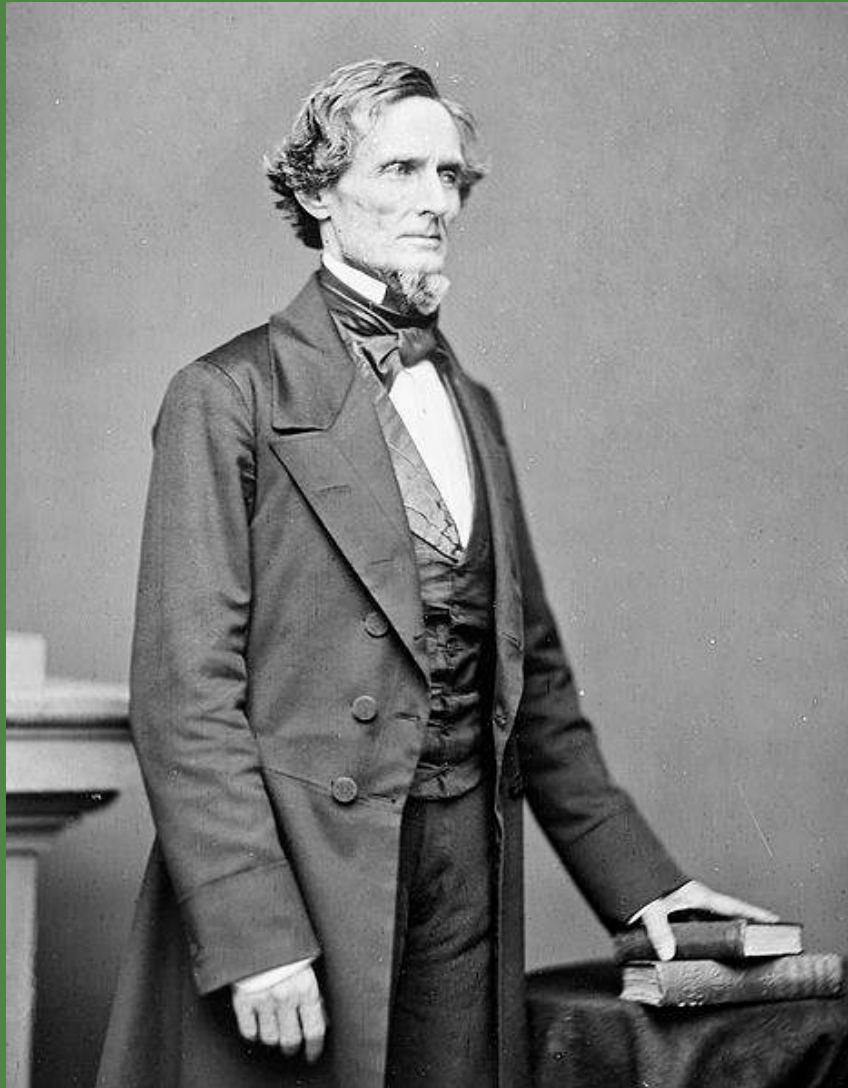
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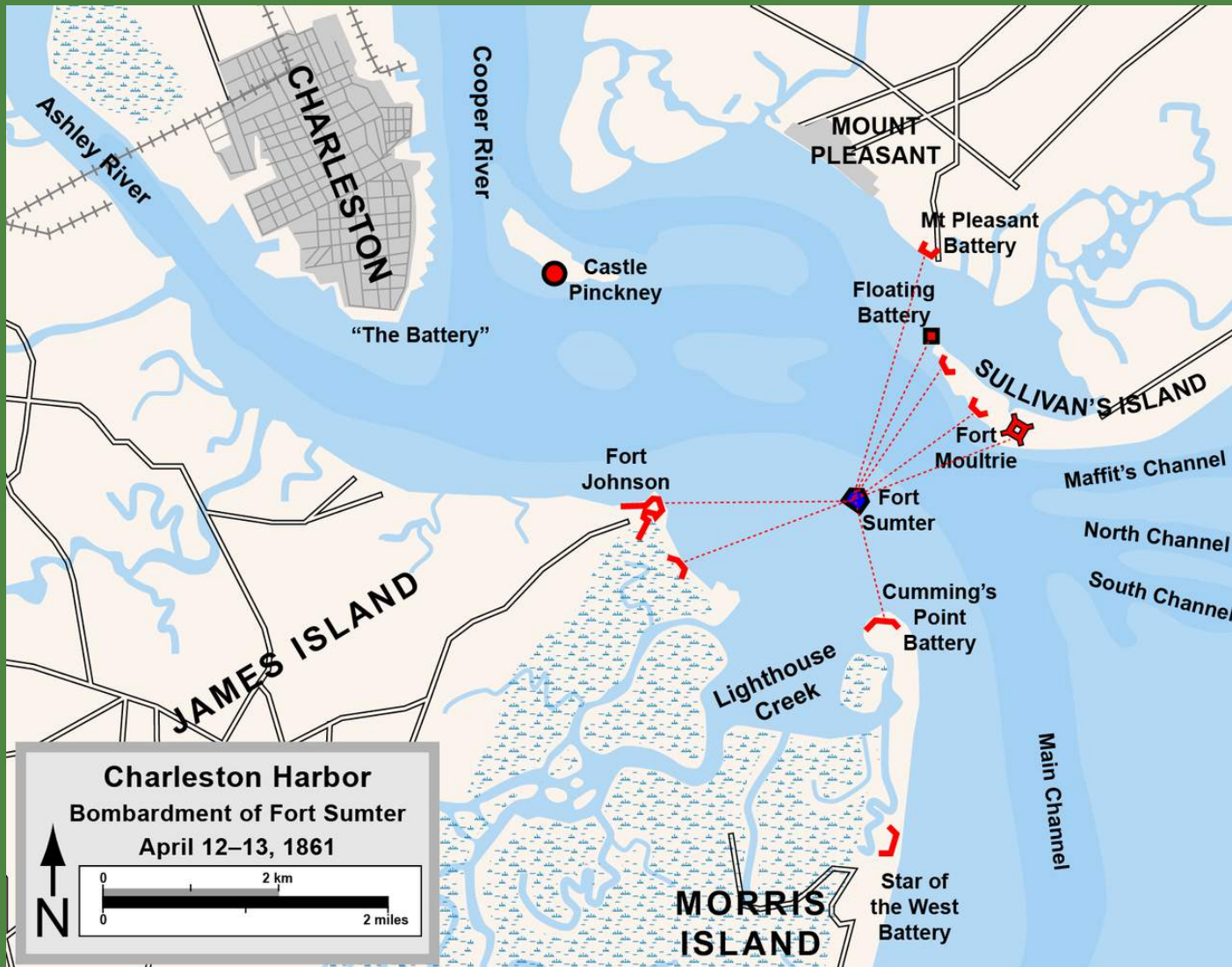
This map shows Charleston Harbor in South Carolina. The United States forces at Fort Sumter are shown in blue. The Confederate States forces surrounding the harbor are shown in red. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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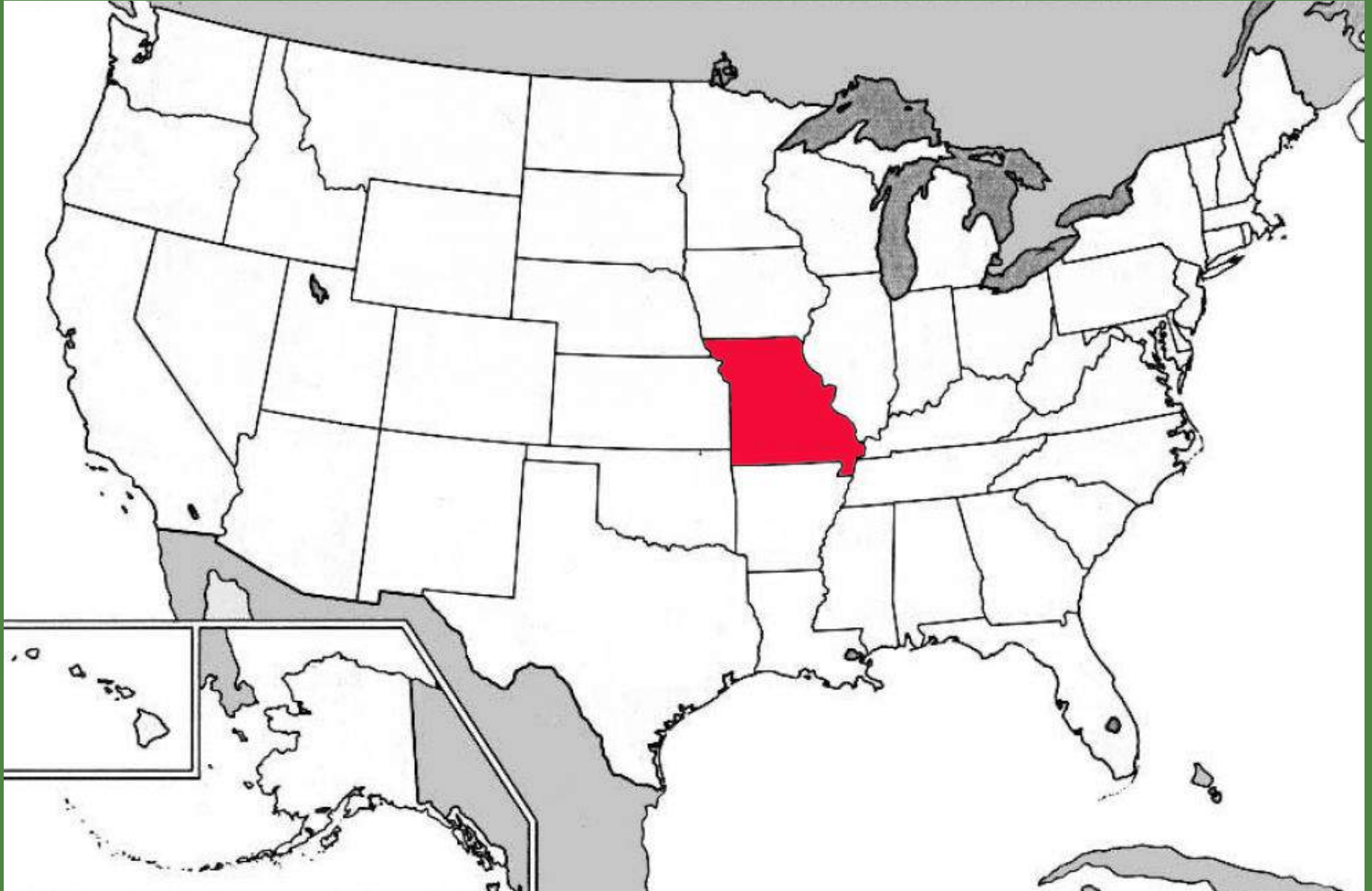South Carolina is now colored red. The image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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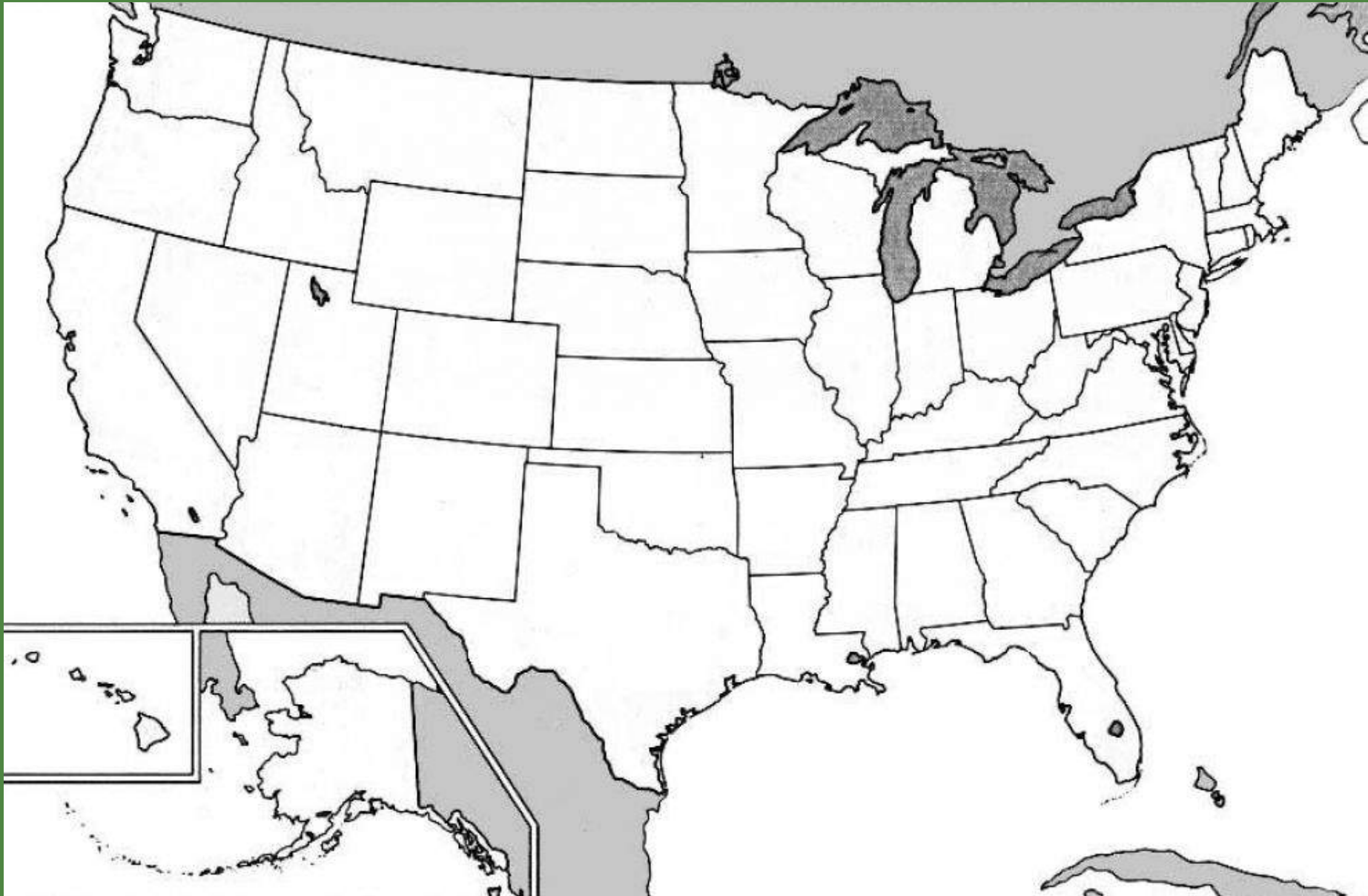
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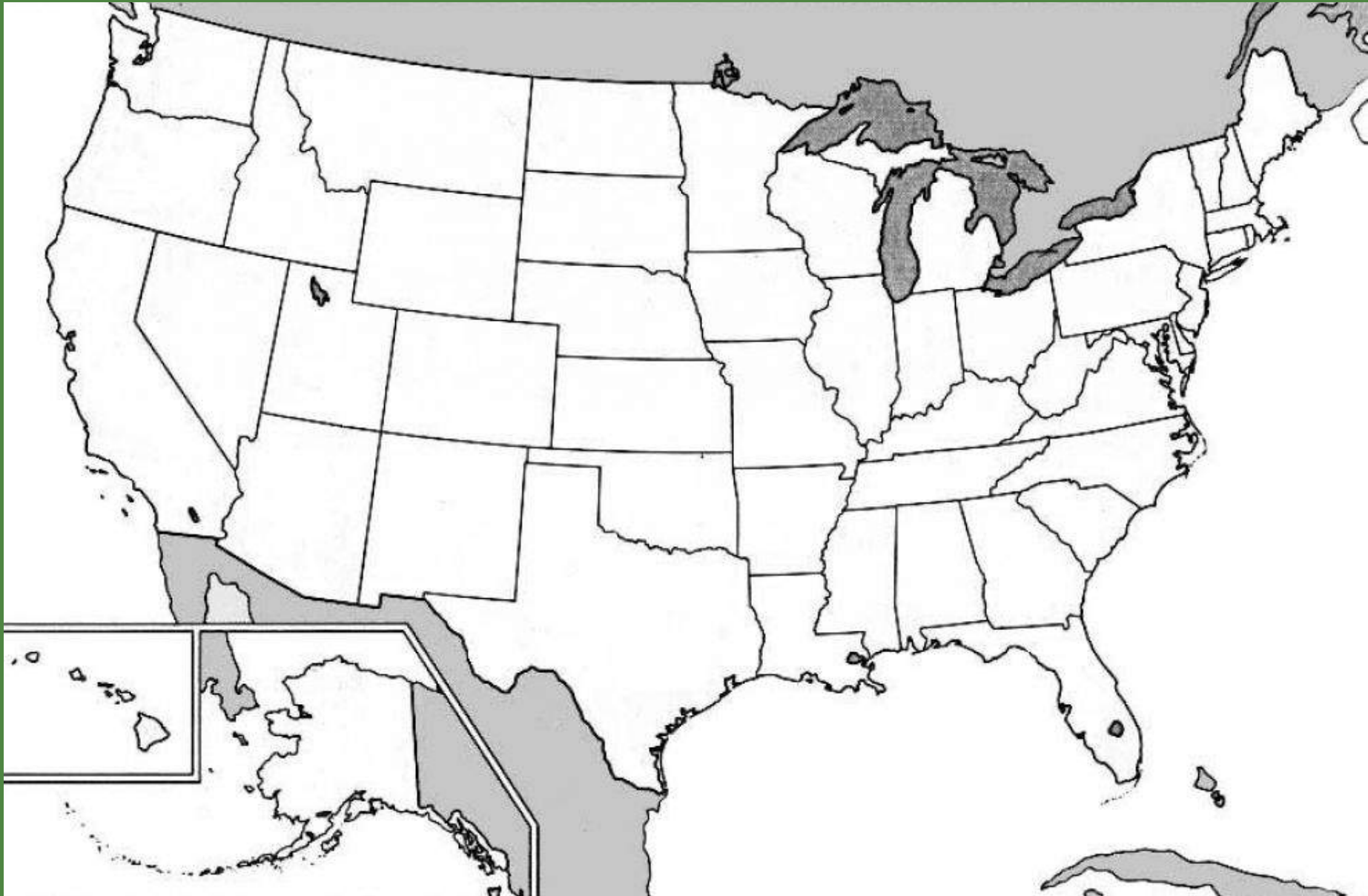
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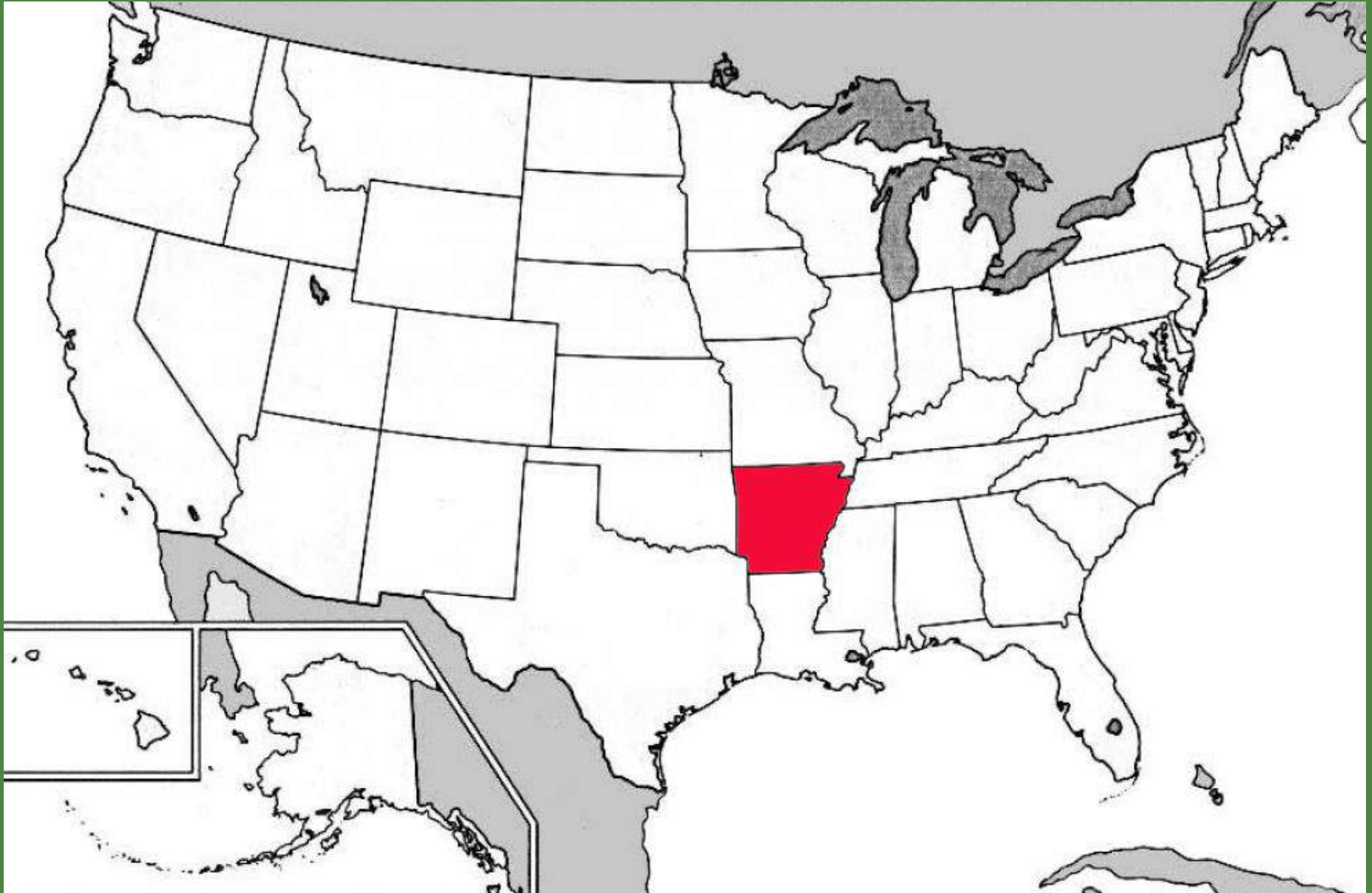Tennessee is now colored red. The image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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