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**Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin**



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# The Confederation Era



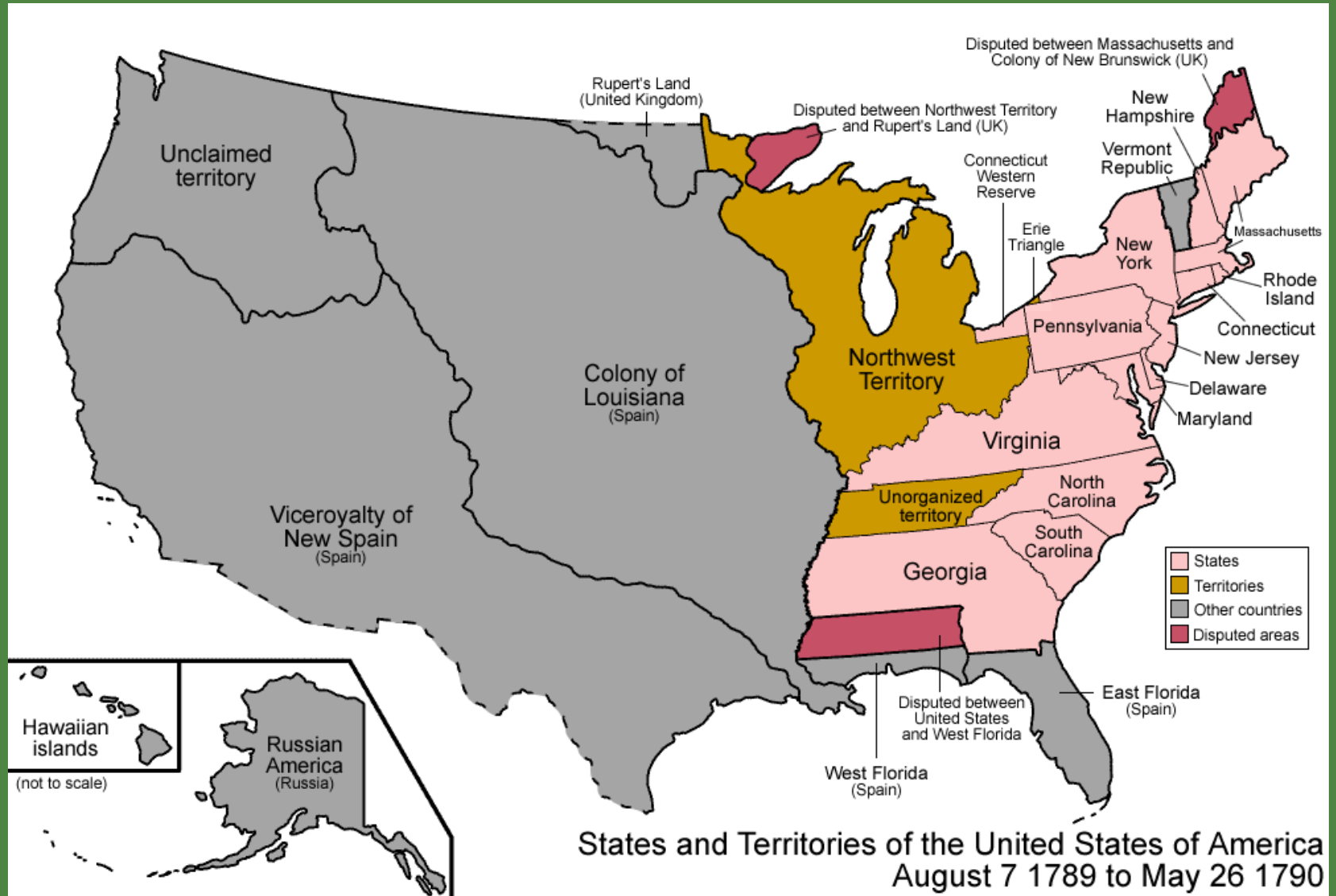
Houses fronting New Milford, Connecticut's Town Green in 1796. This image was created by Ralph Earl. This image is courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

# The Confederation Era Vocabulary



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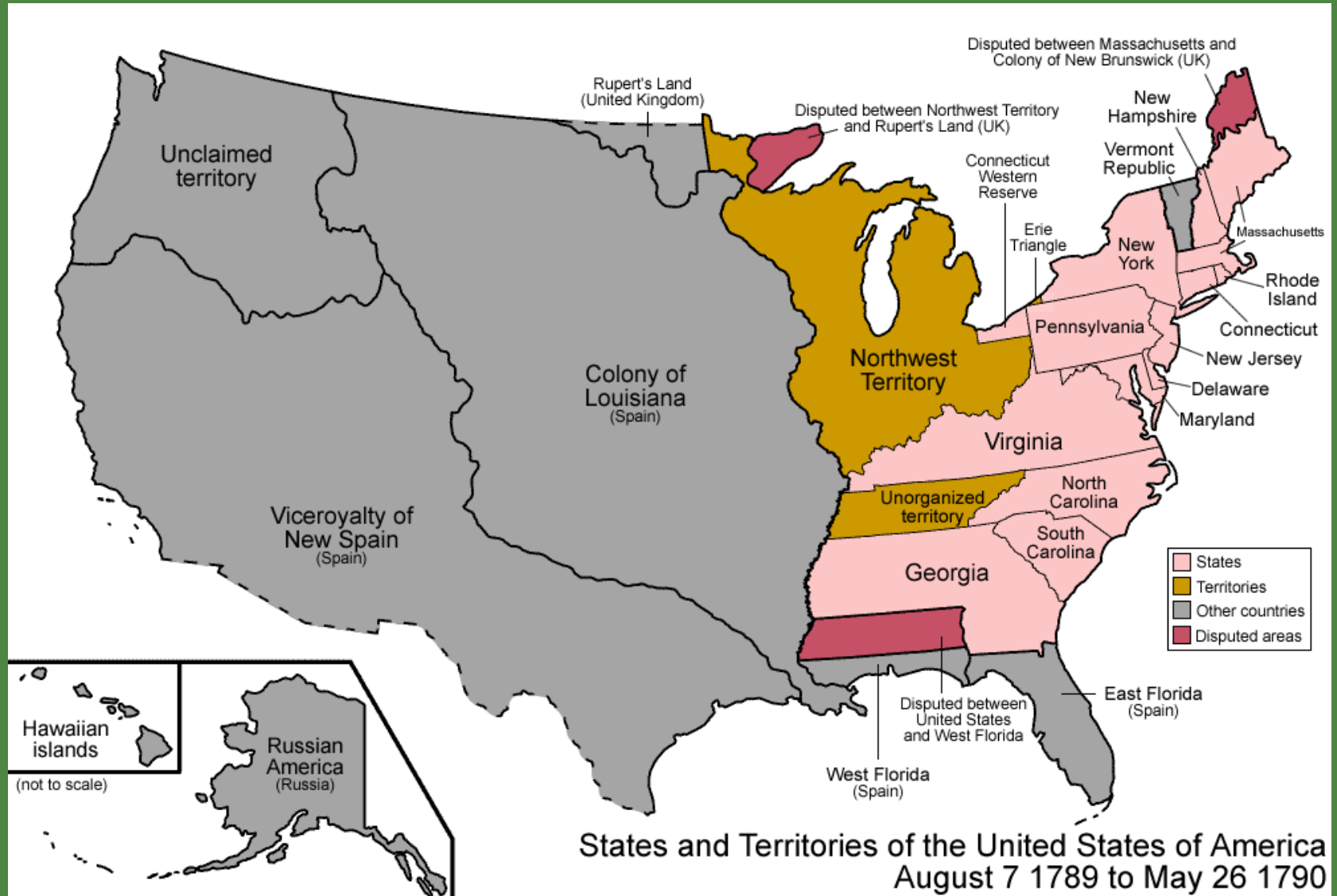
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Congress must give approval for admitting a **territory** into the United States in order for it to become a state.



**The President will then sign the bill into law.** This image shows the west front of the United States Capitol. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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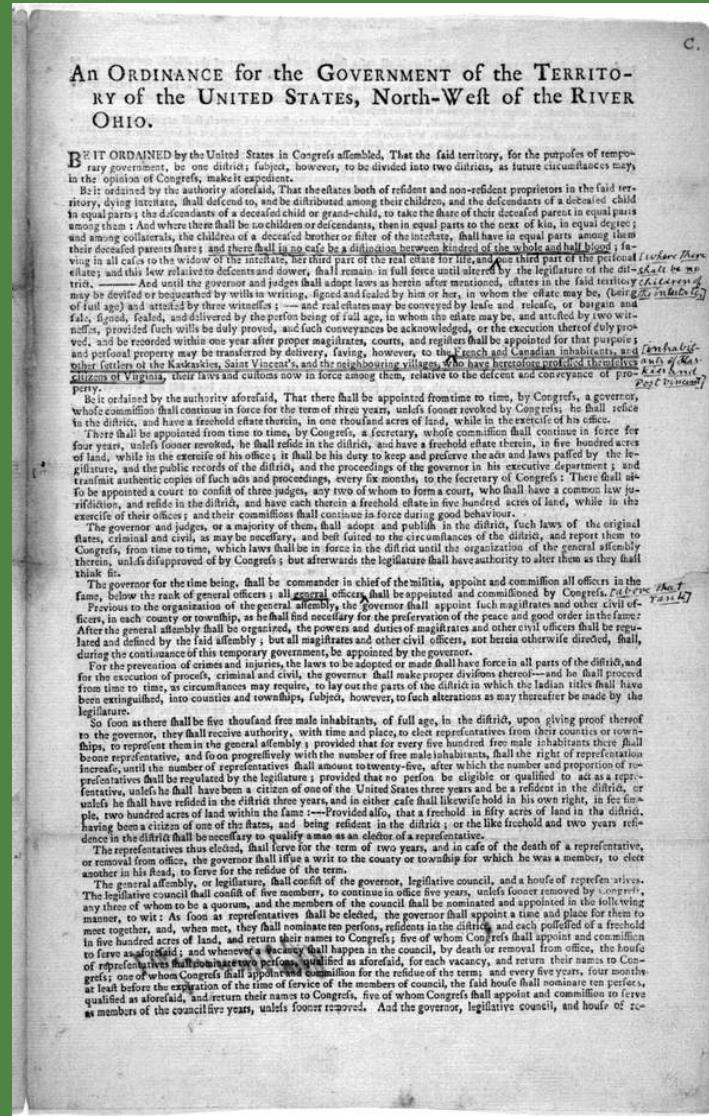
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# The Northwest Ordinance stated that the government of a territory in the Northwest Territory had to be a republic.



## AN ORDINANCE for the GOVERNMENT of the TERRITORY of the UNITED STATES, North-West of the RIVER OHIO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the United States in Congress assembled, That the said territory, for the purposes of temporary government, be one district; subject, however, to be divided into two districts, as future circumstances may, in the opinion of Congress, make it expedient.

Be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, That thereafter both of resident and non-resident proprietors in the said territory, dying intestate, shall descend to, and be distributed among their children, and the descendants of a deceased child in equal parts; the descendants of a deceased child or grand-child, to take the share of their deceased parent in equal parts among them: And where there shall be no children or descendants, then in equal parts to the next of kin, in equal degree; and among collateral, the children of a deceased brother or sister of the intestate, shall have in equal parts among them their deceased parents share; and there shall in no case be a distinction between kindred of the whole and half blood; in-  
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cluding in all cases to the widow of the intestate, her third part of the real estate; and one third part of the personal estate; and the law of intestate descents and dower, shall remain in full force until altered by the legislature of the district.  
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And until the governor and judges shall adopt laws as herein after mentioned, estates in the said territory *shall be in*  
may be devised or bequeathed by wills in writing, signed and sealed by him or her, in whom the estate may be, *(both of the whole and*  
of full age) and attested by three witnesses; and real estate may be conveyed by lease and release, or bargain and sale, signed, sealed, and delivered by the person being of full age, in whom the estate may be, and attested by two wit-  
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nesses, provided such wills be duly proved, and such conveyances be acknowledged, or the execution thereof duly pro-  
ved, and be recorded within one year after proper magistrates, courts, and registers shall be appointed for that purpose; and personal property may be transferred by delivery, saving, however, to the French and Canadian inhabitants, and other settlers of the Kaskaskias, Saint Vincent's, and the neighbouring villages, *who have heretofore professed themselves citizens of Virginia,* their laws and customs now in force among them, relative to the descent and conveyance of prop-  
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erty.

Be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be appointed from time to time, by Congress, a governor, whose commission shall continue in force for the term of three years, unless sooner revoked by Congress; he shall reside in the district, and have a freehold estate therein, in one thousand acres of land, while in the exercise of his office.

There shall be appointed from time to time, by Congress, a secretary, whose commission shall continue in force for four years, unless sooner revoked, he shall reside in the district, and have a freehold estate therein, in five hundred acres of land, while in the exercise of his office; it shall be his duty to keep and preserve the acts and laws passed by the legislature, and the public records of the district, and the proceedings of the governor in his executive department; and to transmit authentic copies of such acts and proceedings, every six months, to the secretary of Congress: There shall also be appointed a court to consist of three judges, any two of whom to form a court, who shall have a common law juris-  
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diction, and reside in the district, and have each therein a freehold estate in five hundred acres of land, while in the exercise of their offices; and the laws of the district shall continue in force during good behaviour.

The governor and judges, or a majority of them, shall adopt and publish in the district, such laws of the original states, criminal and civil, as may be necessary, and best suited to the circumstances of the district, and report them to Congress, from time to time, which laws shall be in force in the district until the organization of the general assembly therein, unless disapproved of by Congress; but afterwards the legislature shall have authority to alter them as they shall think fit.

The governor for the time being, shall be commander in chief of the militia, appoint and commission all officers in the same, below the rank of general officers; all general officers, shall be appointed and commissioned by Congress.

Previous to the organization of the general assembly, the governor shall appoint such magistrates and other civil officers, in each county or township, as he shall find necessary for the preservation of the peace and good order in the same: After the general assembly shall be organized, the powers and duties of magistrates and other civil officers shall be regu-  
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lated and defined by the said assembly; but all magistrates and other civil officers not herein otherwise directed, shall, during the continuance of this temporary government, be appointed by the governor.

For the prevention of crimes and injuries, the laws to be adopted or made shall have force in all parts of the district, and for the execution of process, criminal and civil, the governor shall make proper divisions thereof;—and he shall proceed from time to time, as circumstances may require, to lay out the parts of the district in which the Indian titles shall have been extinguished, into counties and townships, subject, however, to such alterations as may thereafter be made by the legislature.

So soon as there shall be five thousand free male inhabitants, of full age, in the district, upon giving proof thereof to the governor, they shall receive authority, with time and place, to elect representatives from their counties or townships, to represent them in the general assembly; provided that for every five hundred free male inhabitants there shall be one representative, and so on progressively with the number of free male inhabitants, shall the right of representation increase, until the number of representatives shall amount to twenty-five, after which the number and proportion of representatives shall be regulated by the legislature; provided that no person be eligible or qualified to act as a representative, unless he shall have been a citizen of one of the United States three years and be a resident in the district, or unless he shall have resided in the district three years, and in either case shall likewise hold in his own right, in fee simple, two hundred acres of land within the same:—Provided also, that a freehold in fifty acres of land in the district, having been a citizen of one of the states, and being resident in the district; or the like freehold and two years residence in the district shall be necessary to qualify a man as an elector of a representative.

The representatives thus elected, shall serve for the term of two years, and in case of the death of a representative, or removal from office, the governor shall issue a writ to the county or township for which he was a member, to elect another in his stead, to serve for the residue of the term.

The general assembly, or legislature, shall consist of the governor, legislative council, and a house of representatives. The legislative council shall consist of five members, to continue in office five years, unless sooner removed by Congress, any three of whom to be a quorum, and the members of the council shall be nominated and appointed in the following manner, to wit: As soon as representatives shall be elected, the governor shall appoint a time and place for their next meeting, and, when met, they shall nominate ten persons, residents in the district, and each possessed of a freehold in five hundred acres of land, and return their names to Congress; five of whom Congress shall appoint and commission to serve as aforesaid; and whenever a vacancy shall happen in the council, by death or removal from office, the house of representatives shall nominate ten persons, qualified as aforesaid, for each vacancy, and return their names to Congress; one of whom Congress shall appoint and commission to serve as aforesaid; and whenever a vacancy shall happen in the council, by death or removal from office, the house of representatives shall nominate ten persons, qualified as aforesaid, and return their names to Congress; five of whom Congress shall appoint and commission to serve as members of the council five years, unless sooner removed. And the governor, legislative council, and house of repre-

While the Land Ordinance of 1785 dealt with the sale of land in the Northwest Territory, the Northwest Ordinance, passed in 1787, made provisions for governing the new territory. This image is courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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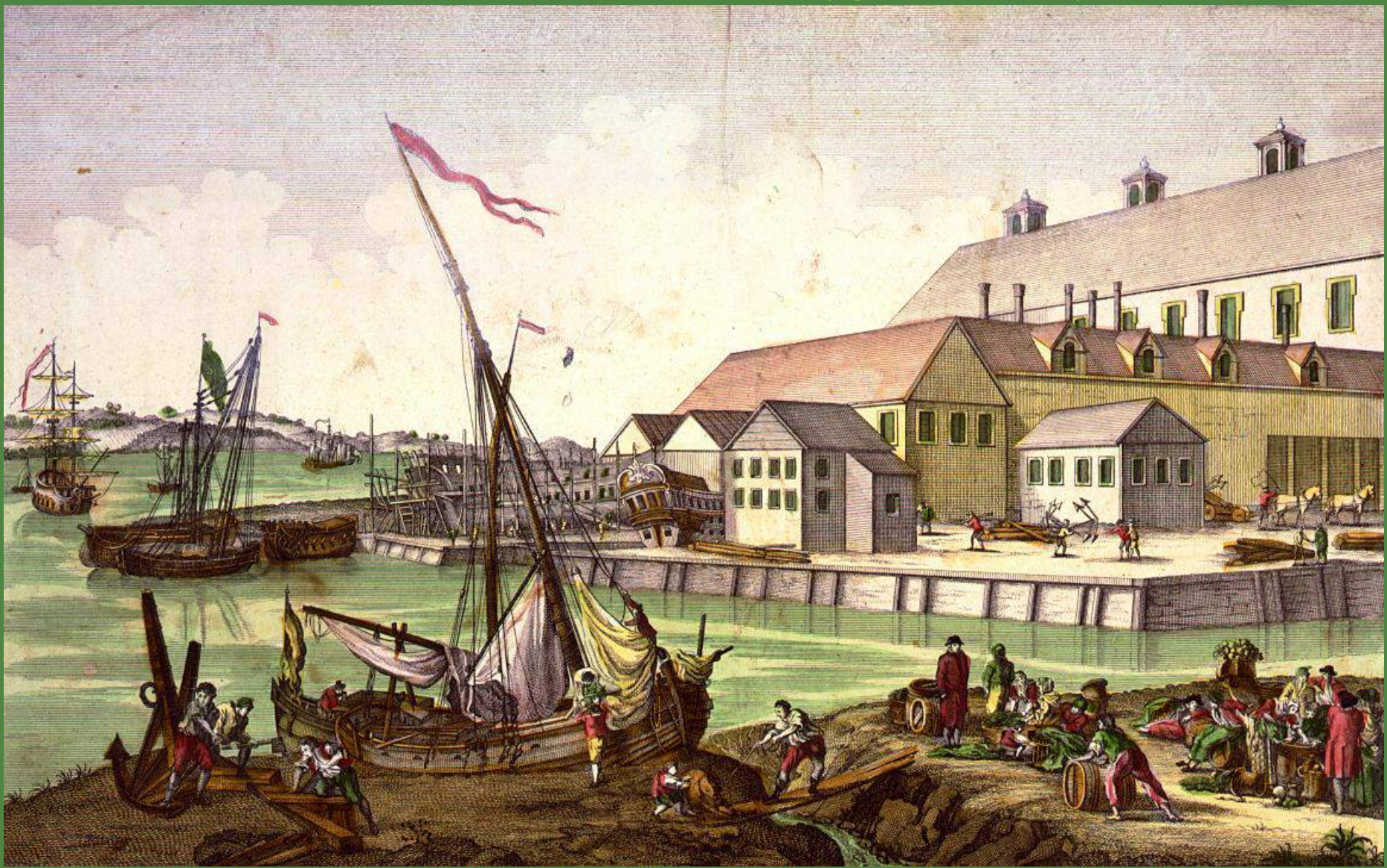
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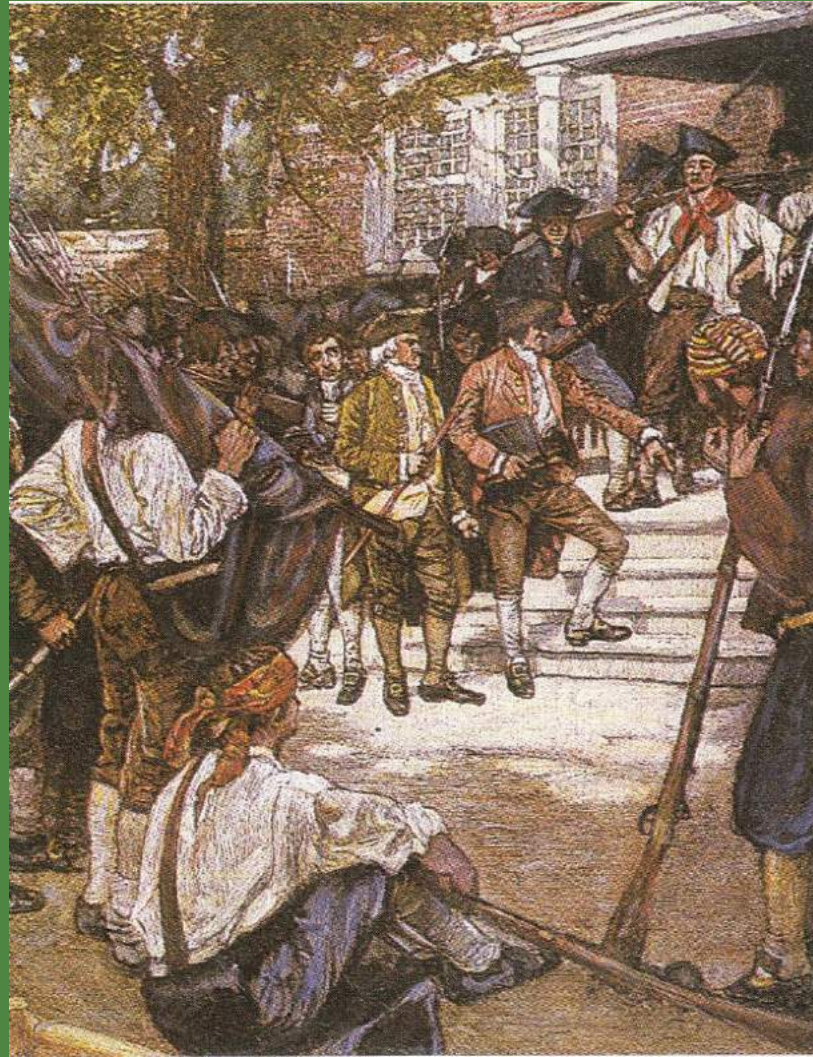
One of the causes of the **economic depression** after the Revolutionary War was because American merchants were overstocked with many goods that they could not sell.



The merchants were not purchasing new goods, and people who had made those goods now lost their jobs. This image shows the not very busy docks in Salem, Massachusetts in the 1770s. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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## People to Meet



On August 29, 1786 a well-organized force of protestors formed in Northampton, Massachusetts and successfully prevented the county court from sitting. The court in Worcester, Massachusetts was shut down on September 5, 1786 by similar methods. This image is courtesy of the Bettmann Archive.

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## Maps



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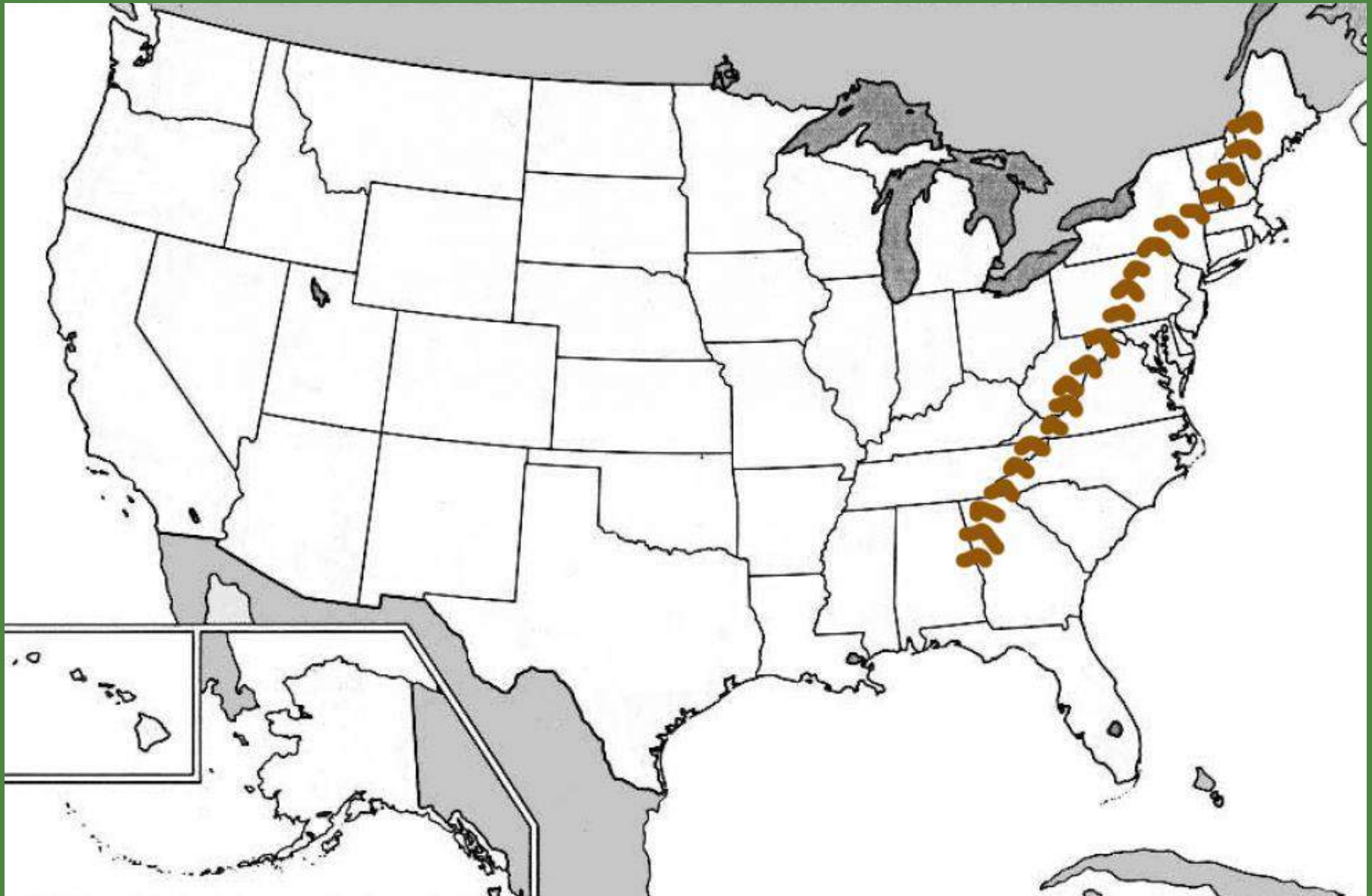
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This map shows the fine artwork of Mr. Housch in placing brown lines in the approximate area where the Appalachian Mountains are located. The image is courtesy of imageck.com.

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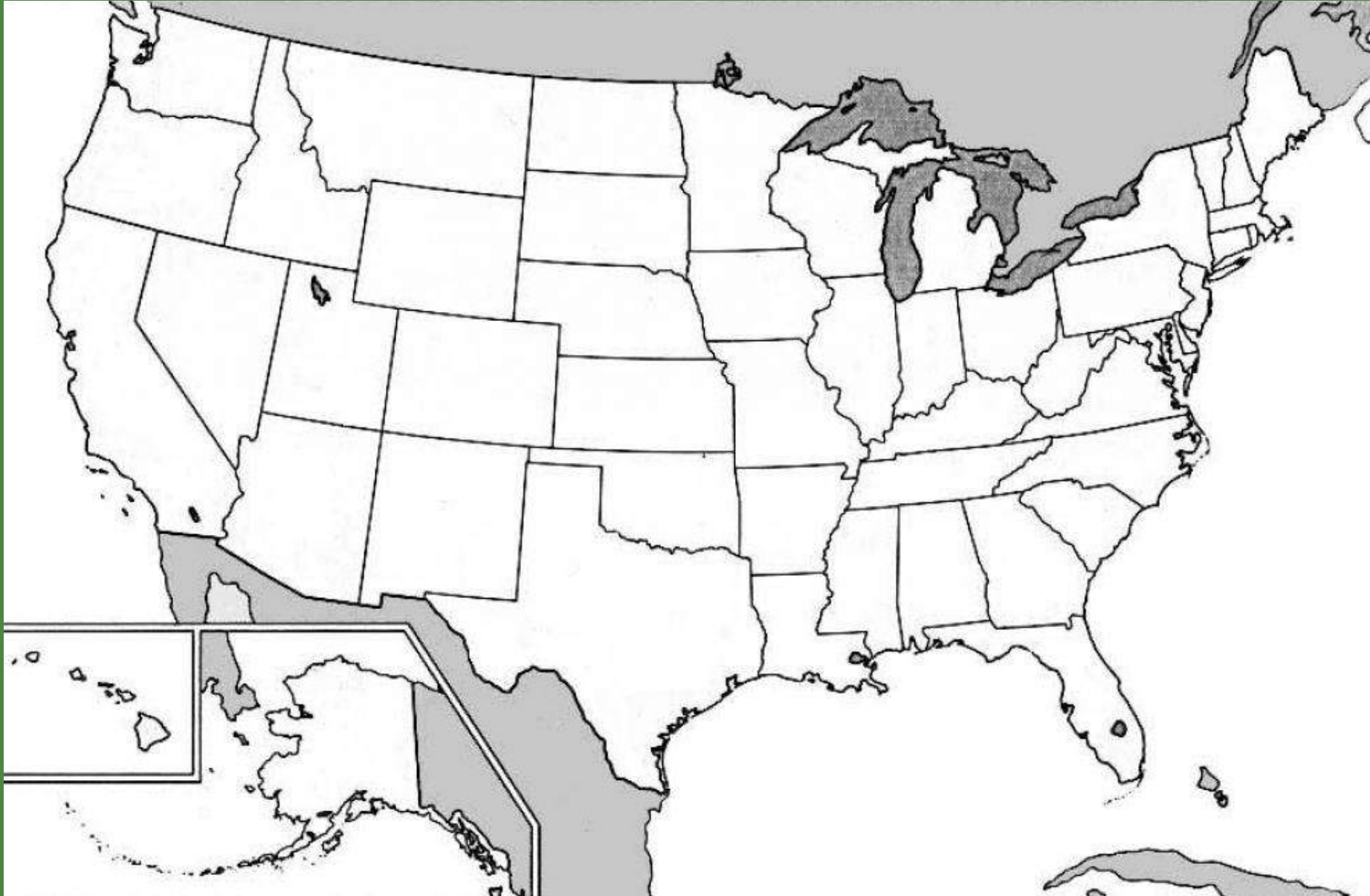
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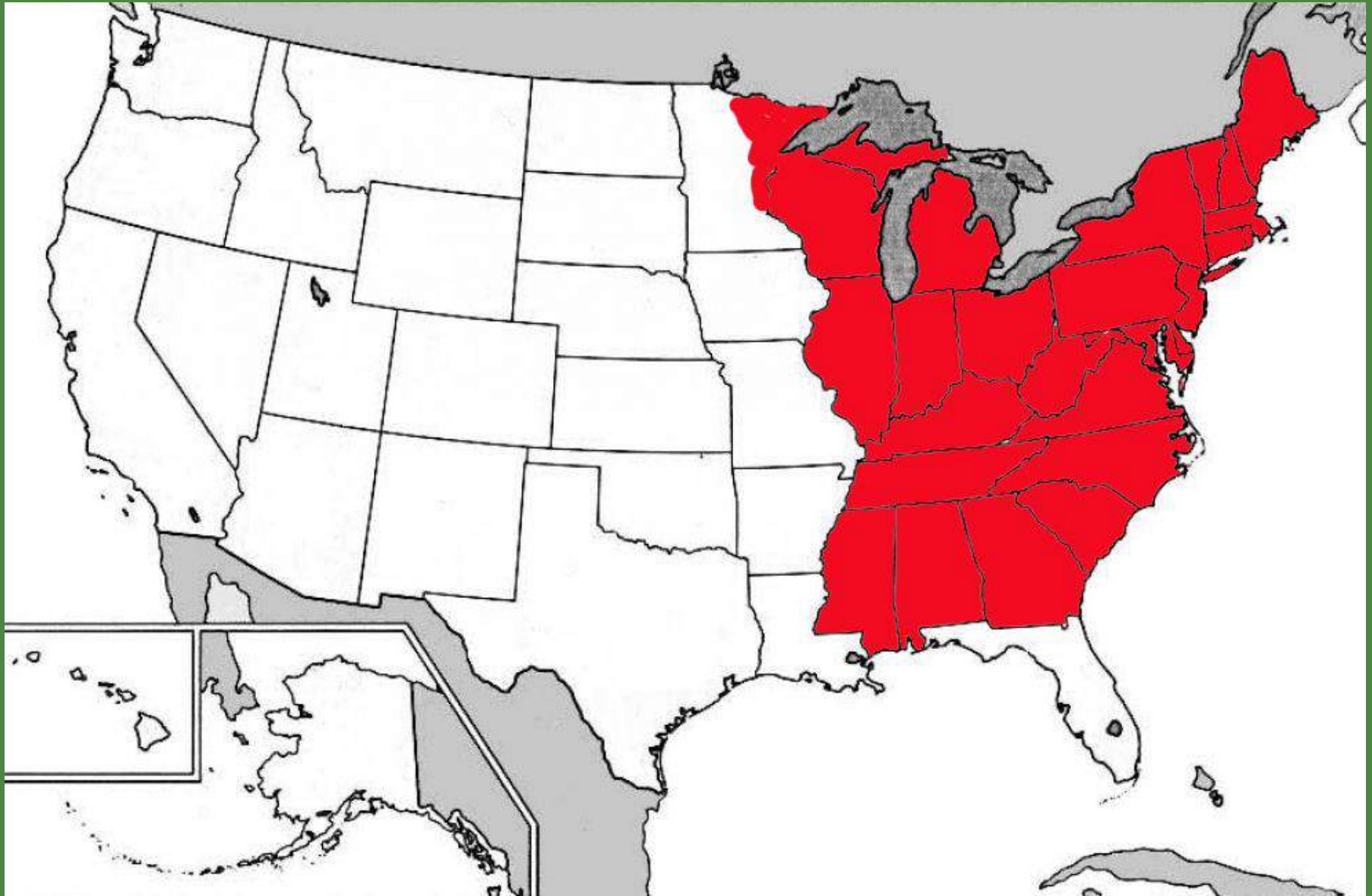


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The land belonging to the United States during the Confederation Era is now highlighted in red. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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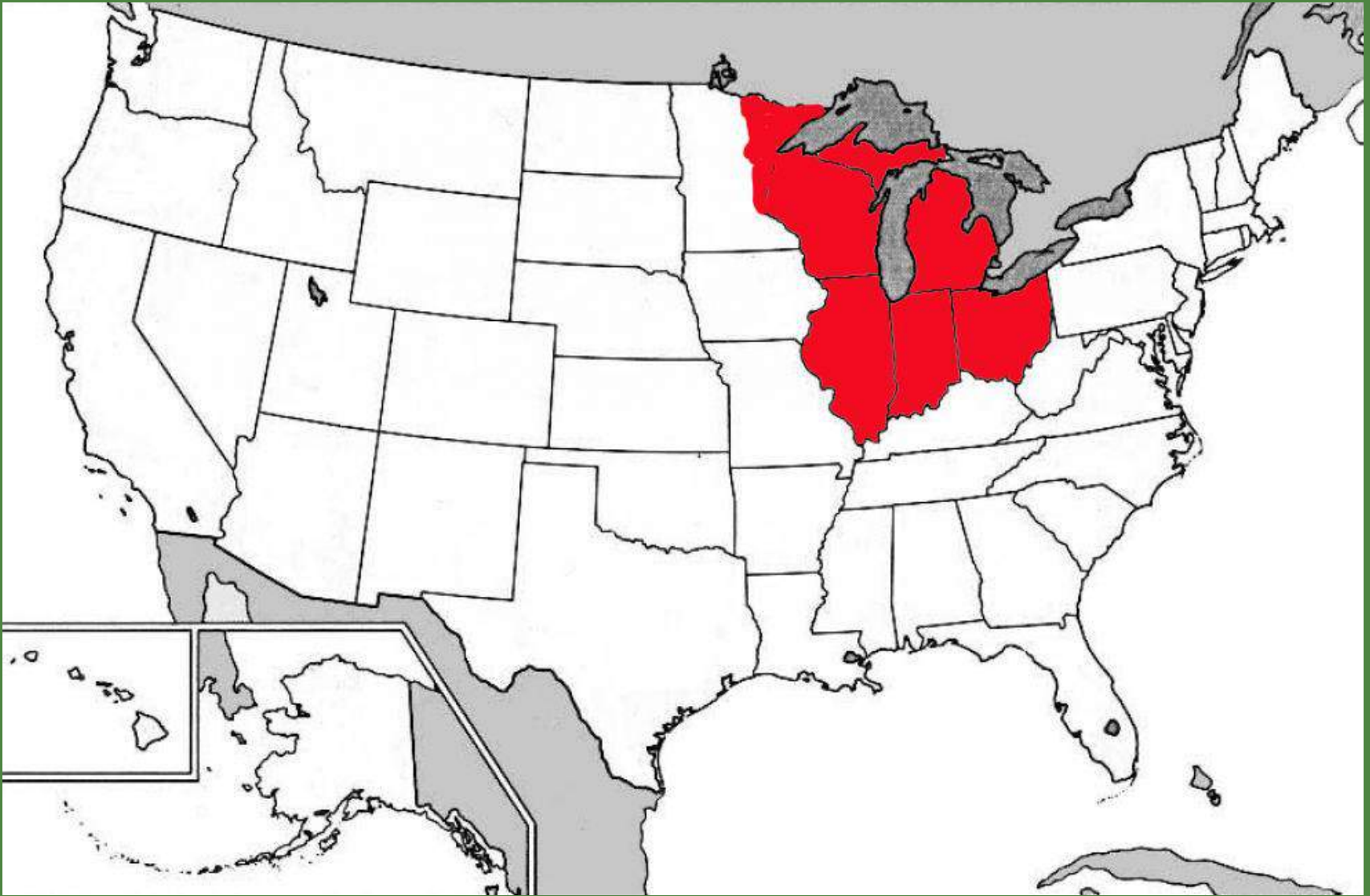
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The states of the Northwest Territory are now colored in red. Minnesota was part of Wisconsin during this time and part of the present state of Minnesota was in the Northwest Territory. This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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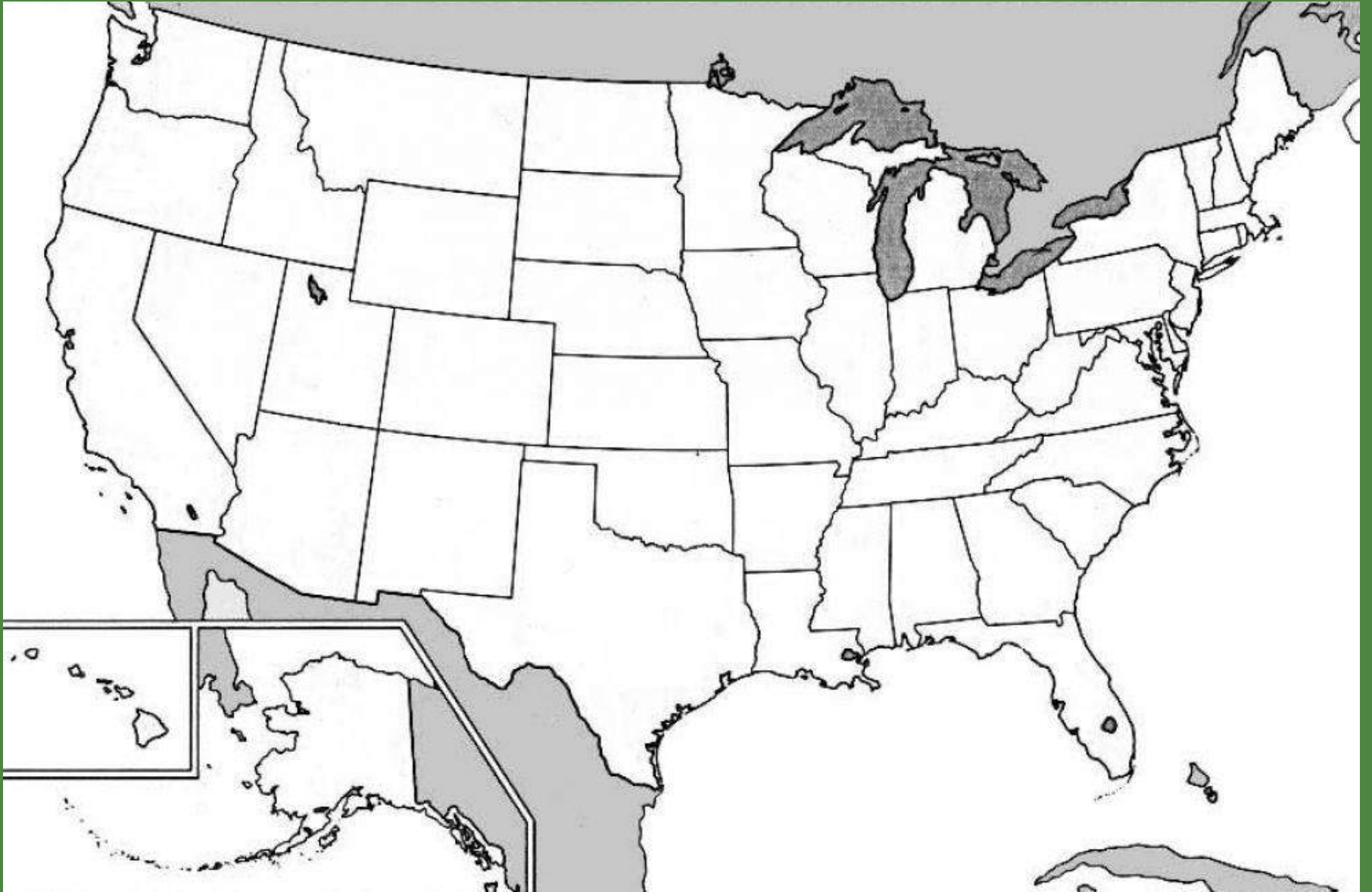
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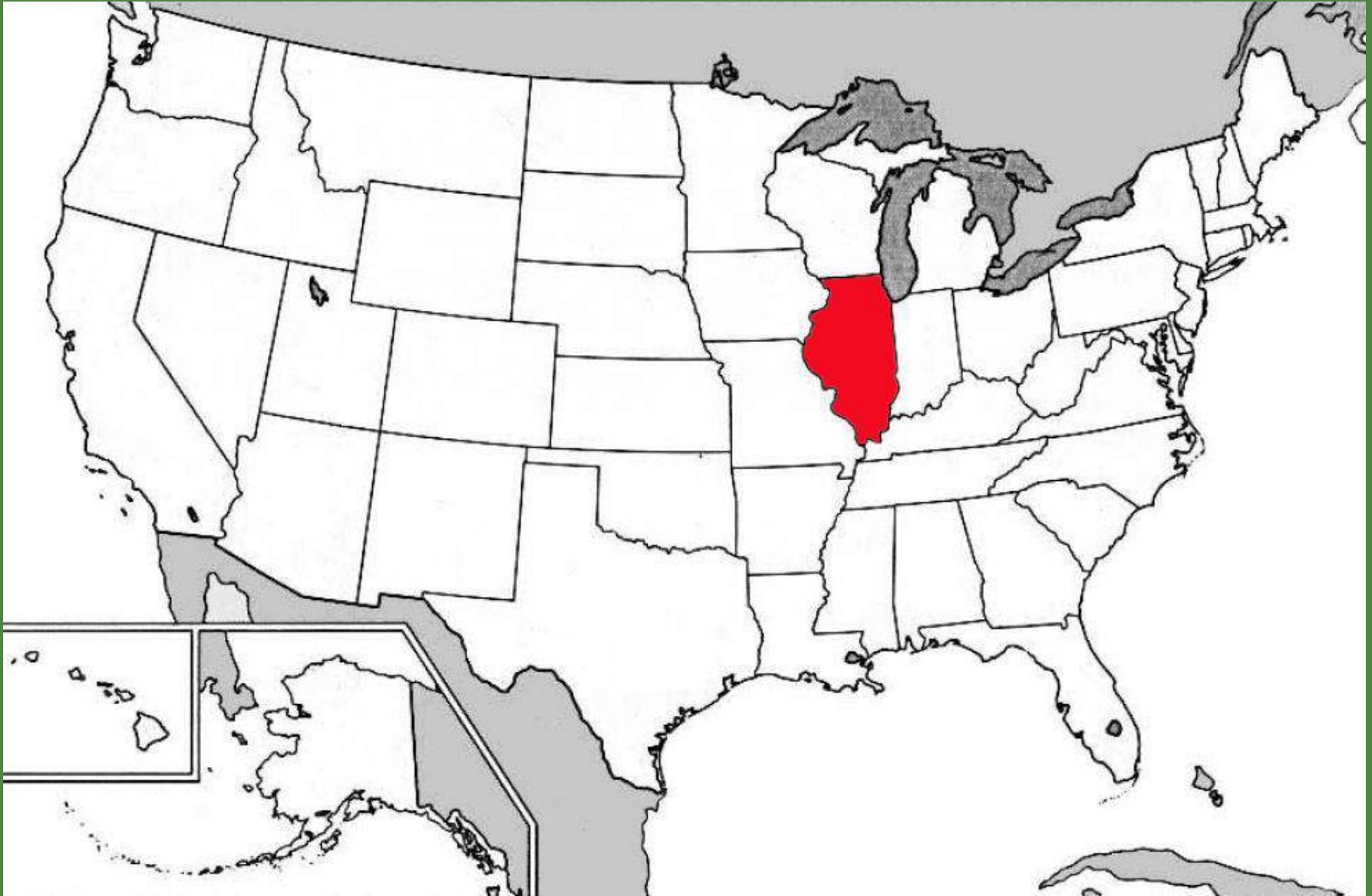


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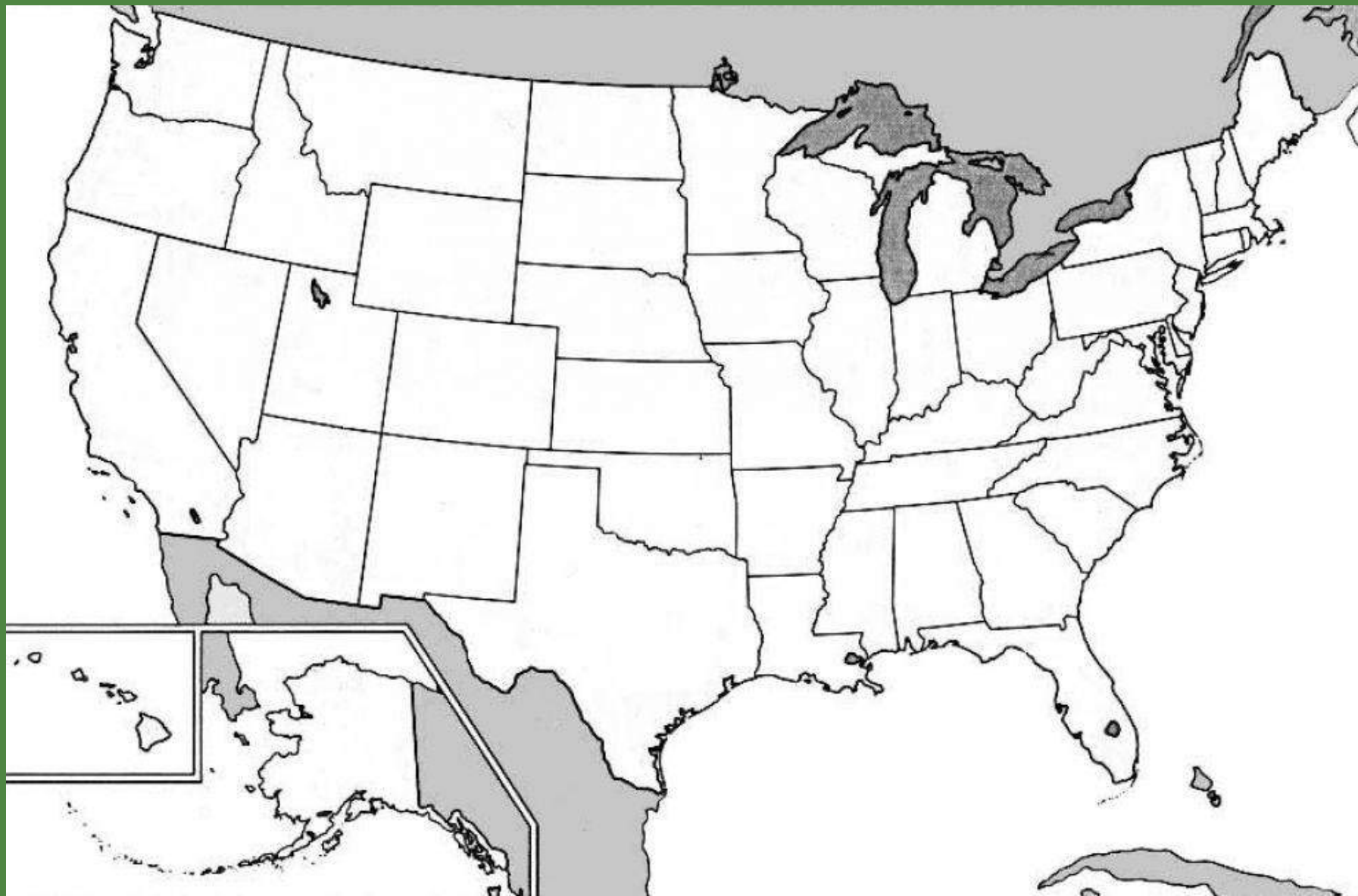
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