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Vocabulary



This image is from wordinfo.info.

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This image shows African Americans in the 1800s. On the carriage in the background is a “white” individual. This image is courtesy of georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu.

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Although land prices were low following the Civil War, few African Americans could afford to purchase their own land and became **Tenant Farmers**.



This image shows African Americans at Hopkinson's Plantation on Edisto Island, South Carolina. This image is titled "Gwine to de Field." This image is courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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In the United States, tenant farmers often owned their own mules and equipment, but **sharecroppers** did not and were a lower economic status than tenant farmers.



Sharecropping lasted in the South from the Reconstruction period through the 1950s. This image shows sharecroppers in a Bulloch County, Georgia tobacco field in 1949. This image is courtesy of the Georgia Department of Archives and History.

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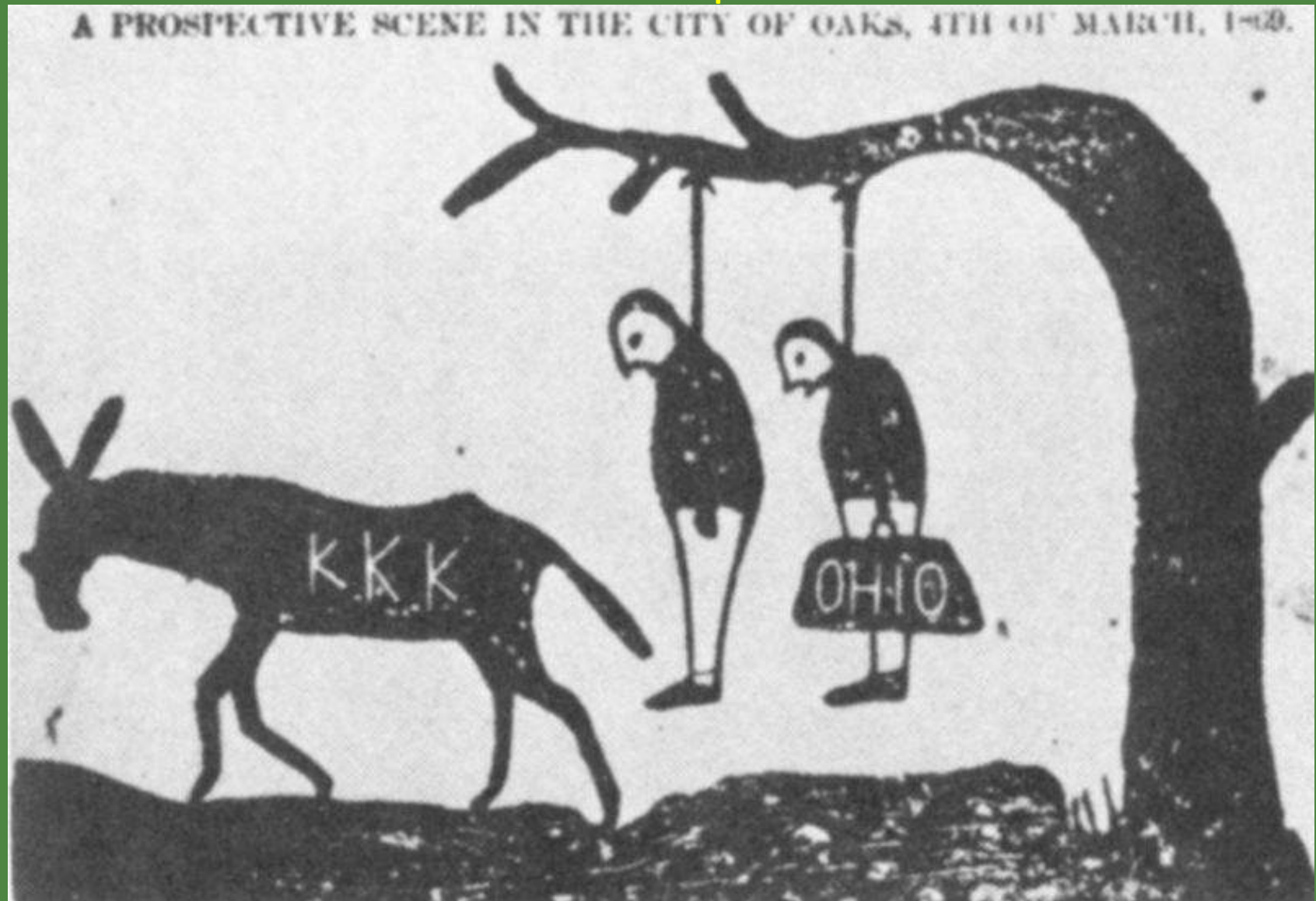
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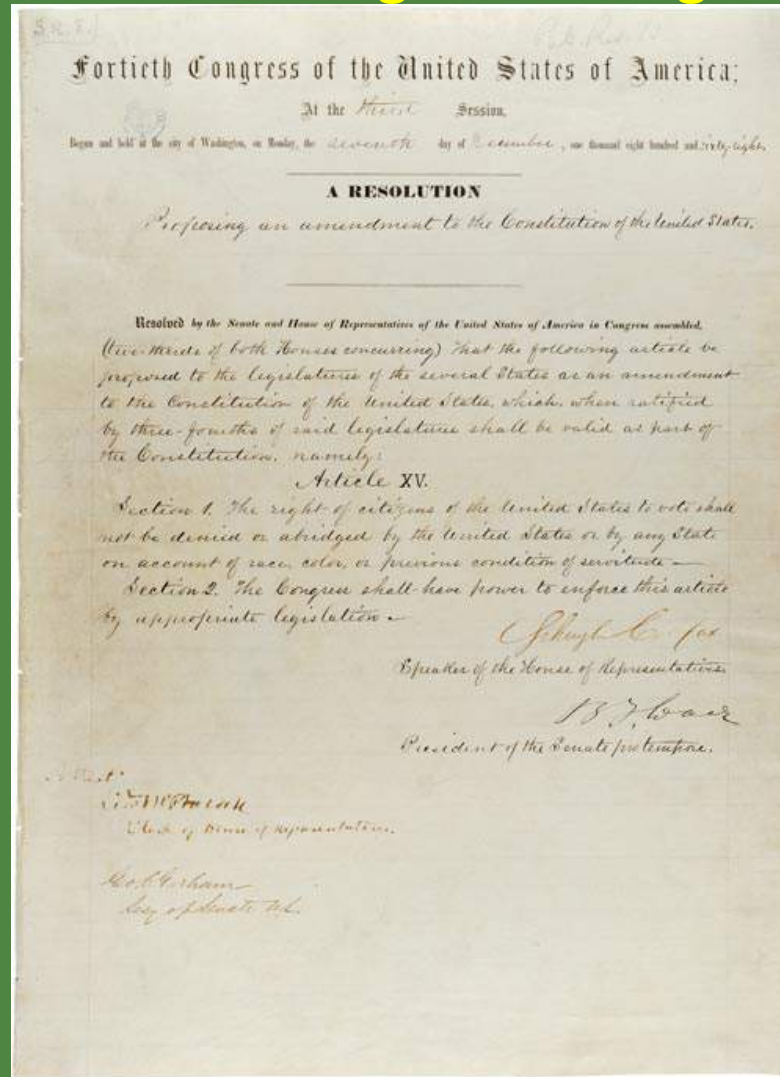
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The **Ku Klux Klan** used violence to intimidate or eliminate African Americans and to overthrow Republican rule in the South.



This cartoon is a threat that the Ku Klux Klan will lynch carpetbaggers. This image appeared in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama *Independent Monitor* in 1868. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

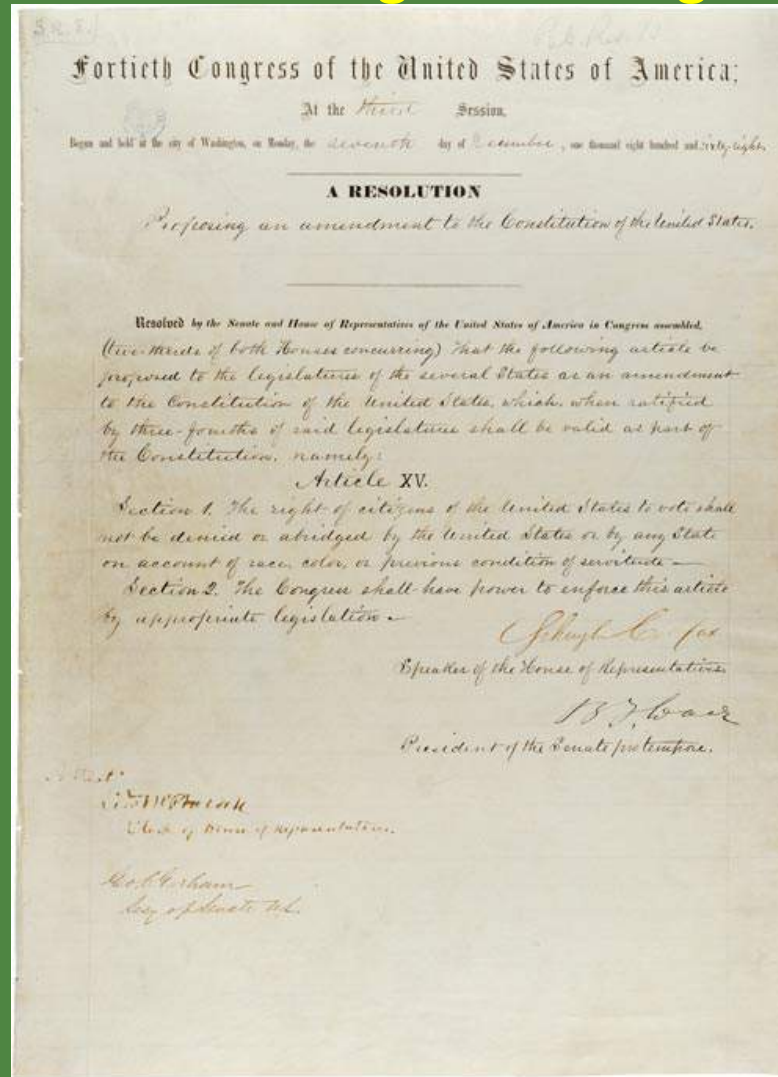
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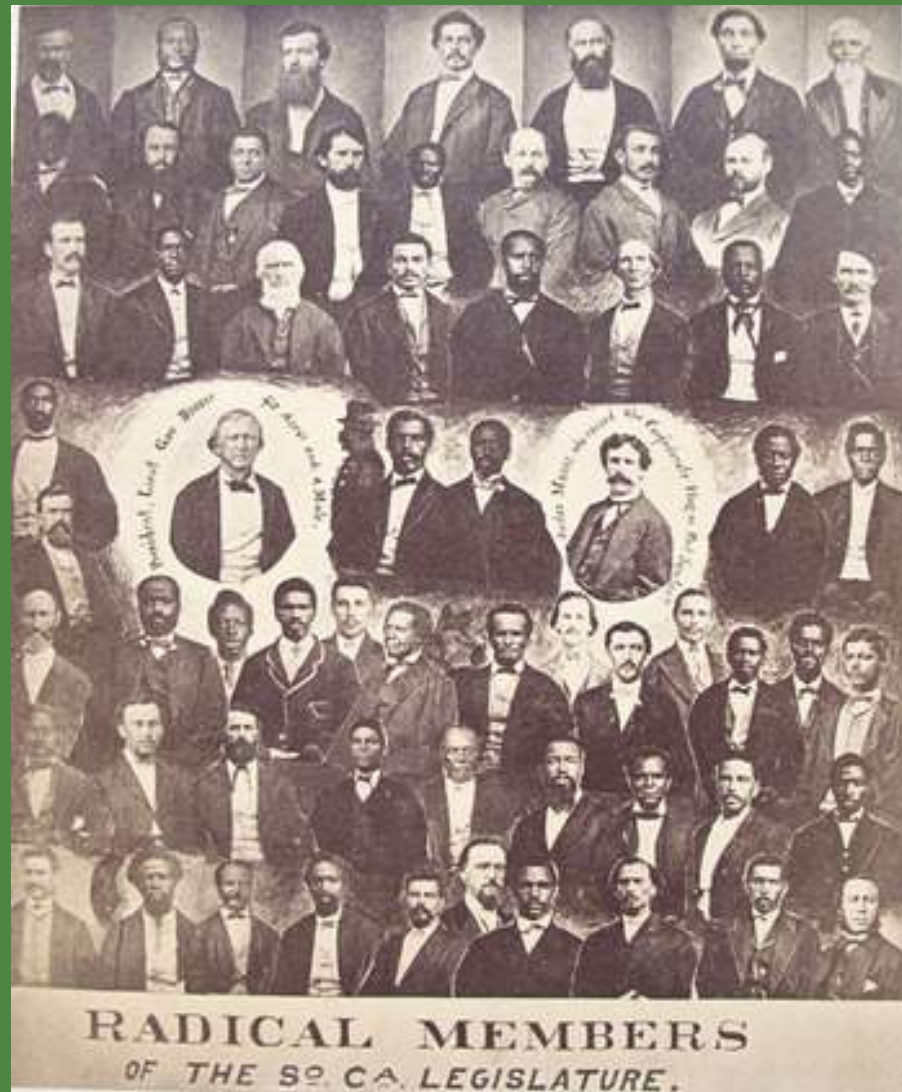
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Although the Fifteenth Amendment was ratified in 1870, the promise of the **15th Amendment** would not be fully realized for almost a century.



Through the use of poll taxes, literacy tests, and other means, “white” controlled Southern state legislatures effectively denied the vote to African Americans until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This image is titled “The Fifteenth Amendment Celebrated May 19th 1870.” It was created by Thomas Kelly after the original artwork by James C. Beard. This image is courtesy of the Library of Congress.

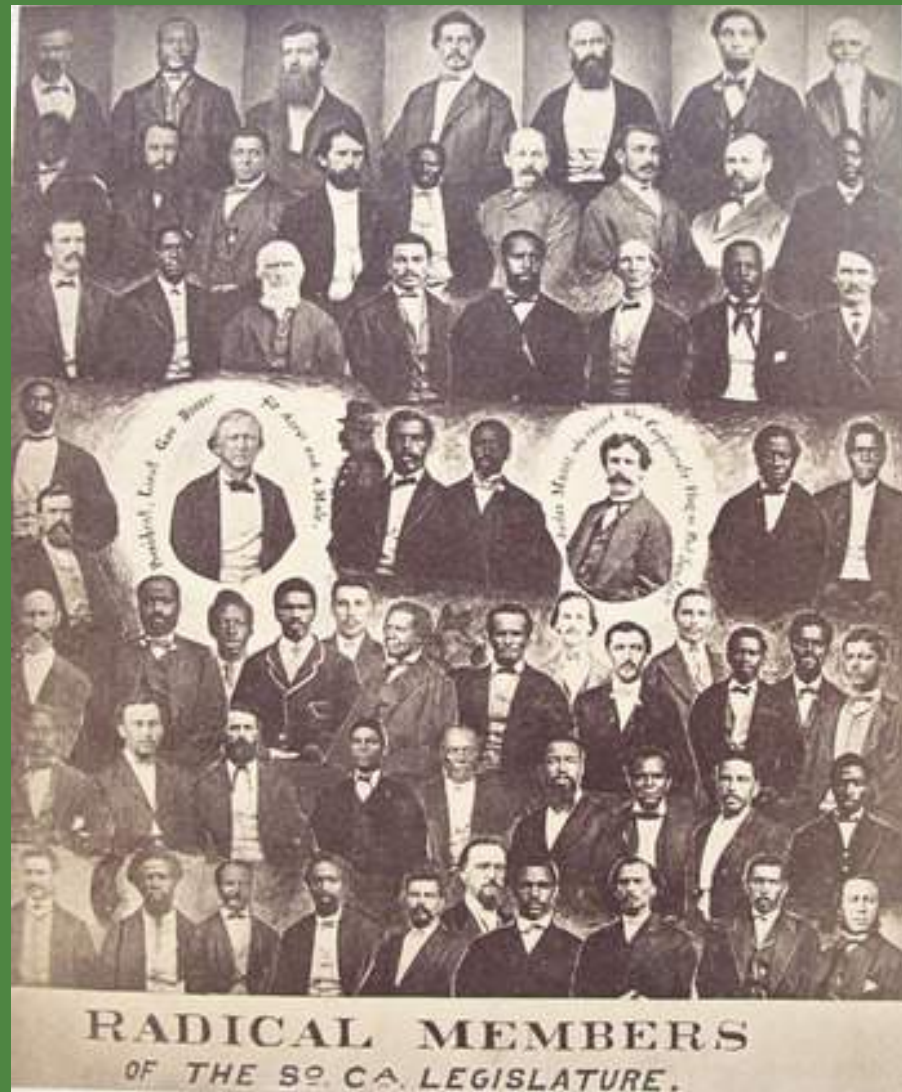
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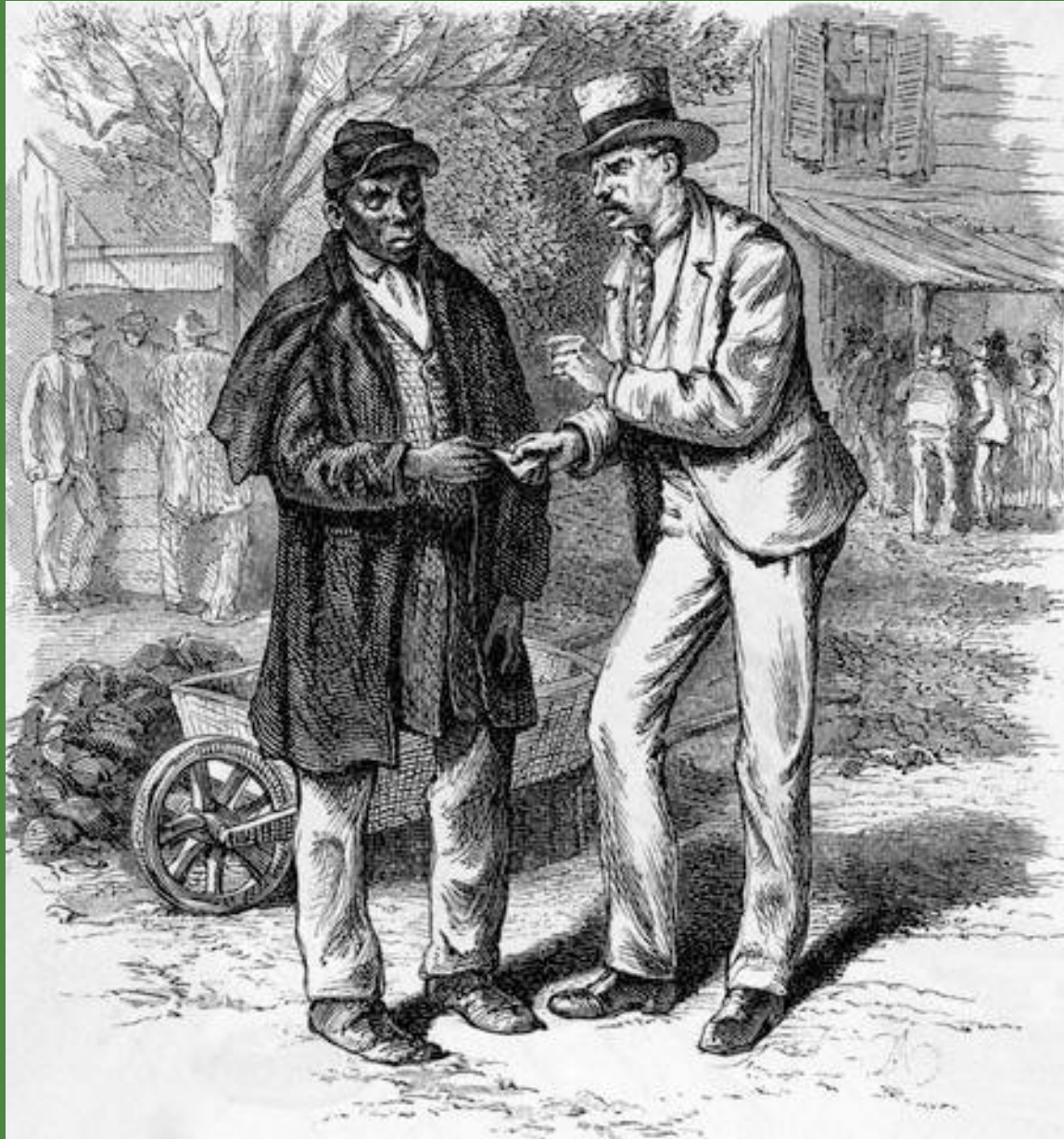
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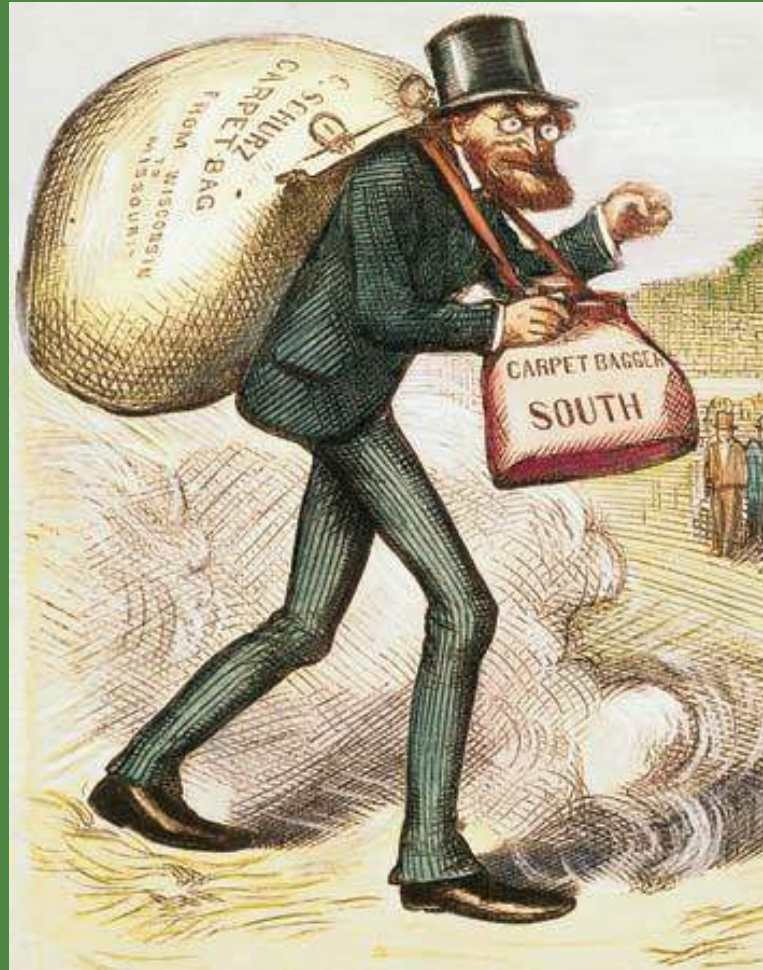
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This image shows a “white” man trying to convince an African American how to vote in the next election. This image is courtesy of cwmemory.com.

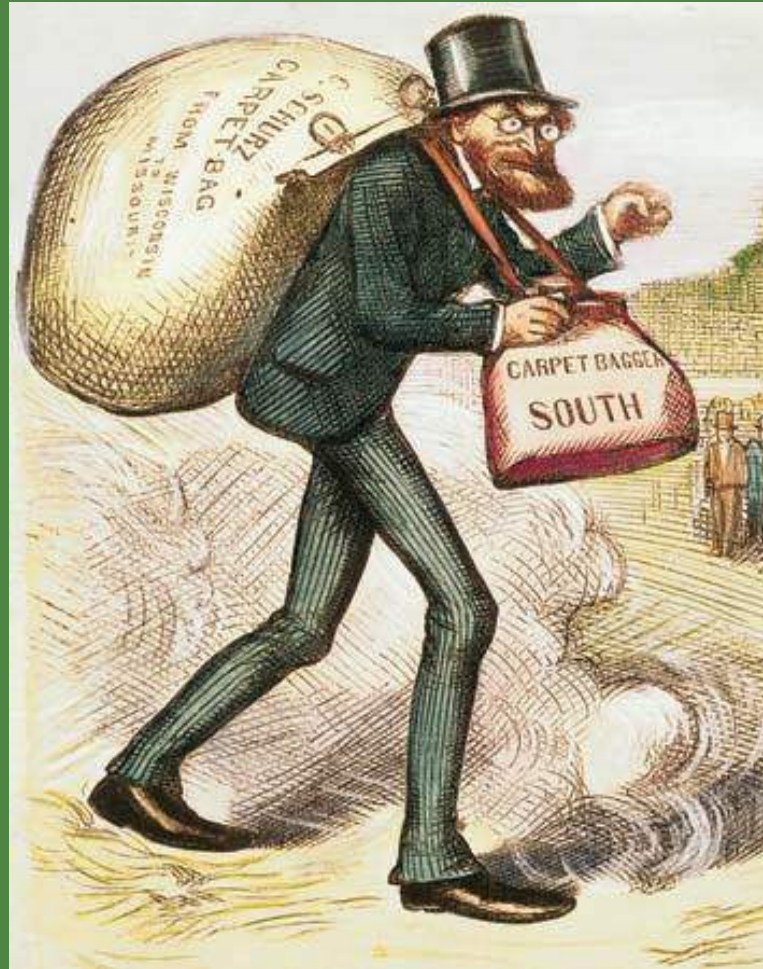
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“White” Southerners called these Northerners “**carpetbaggers**” because they carried inexpensive suitcases made of carpet fabric. They were portrayed as penniless adventurers who arrived with all their possessions in carpetbags.



The image is a carpet bag, which was a bag made out of carpet materials, commonly from an oriental rug. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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People to Meet



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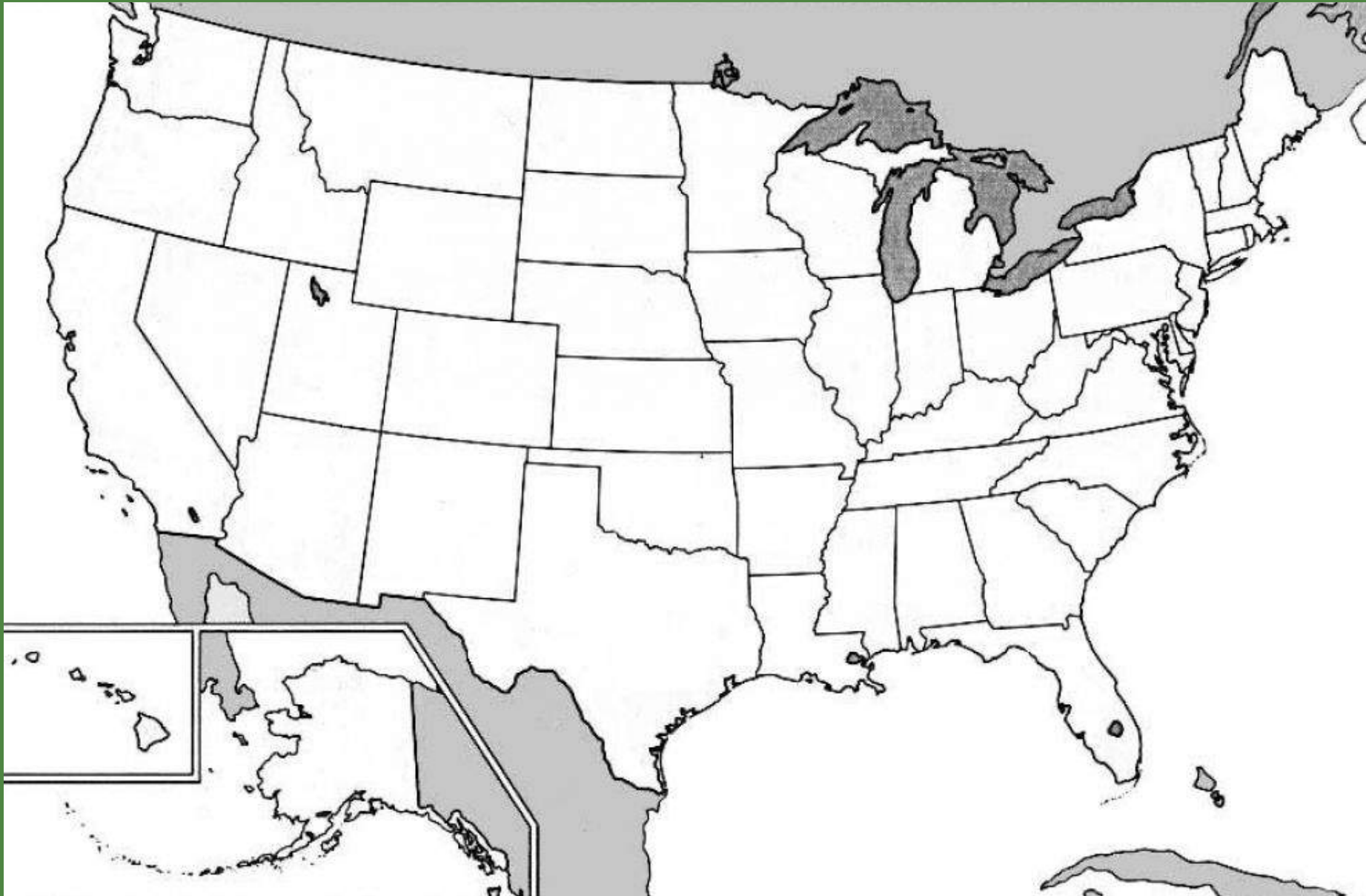
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Congress' Reconstruction plan divided the former Confederate states (with the exception of Tennessee) into five military districts. This map shows the five military districts. This image is courtesy of learnnc.com.

The 11 Former Confederate States

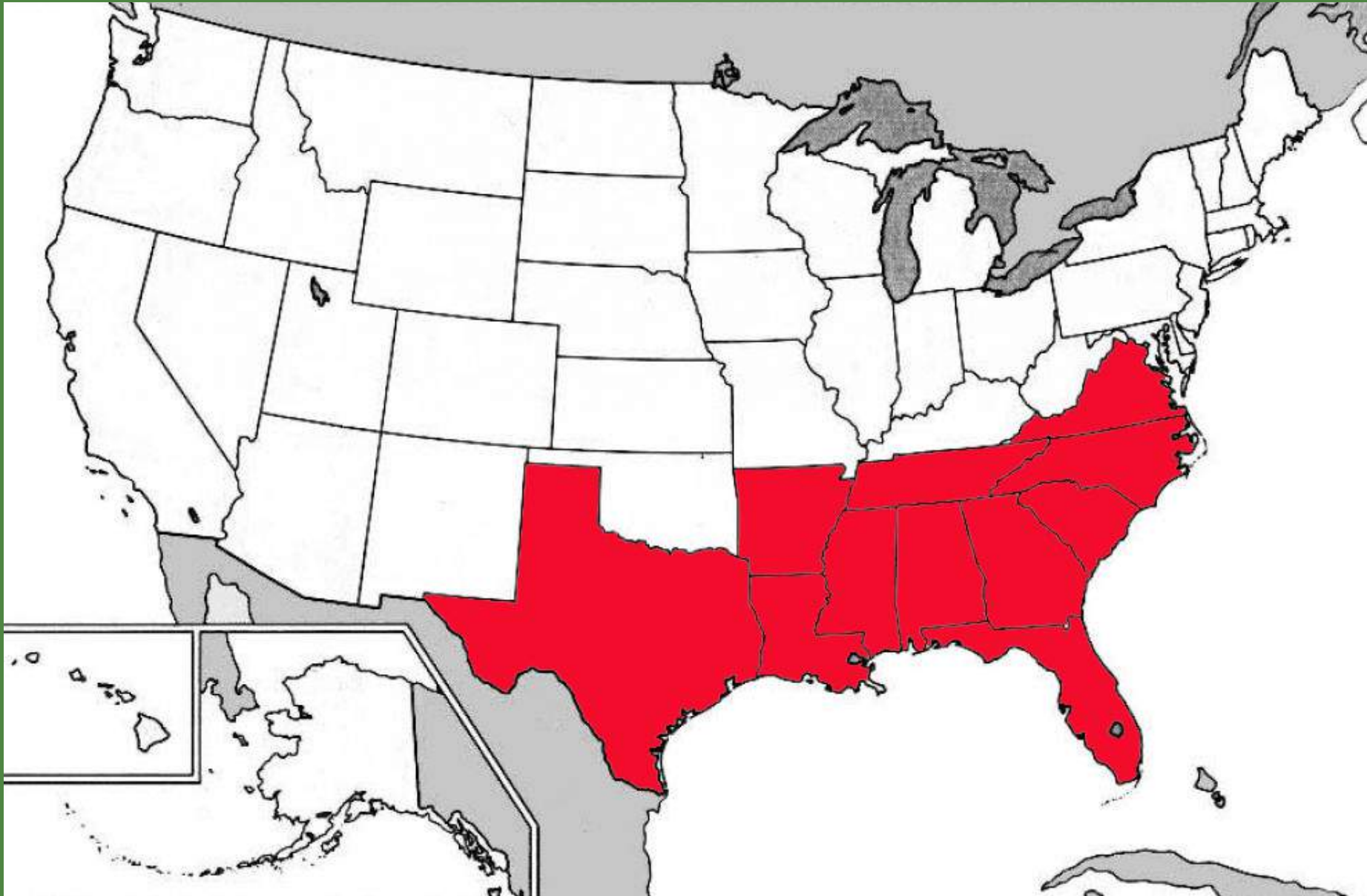
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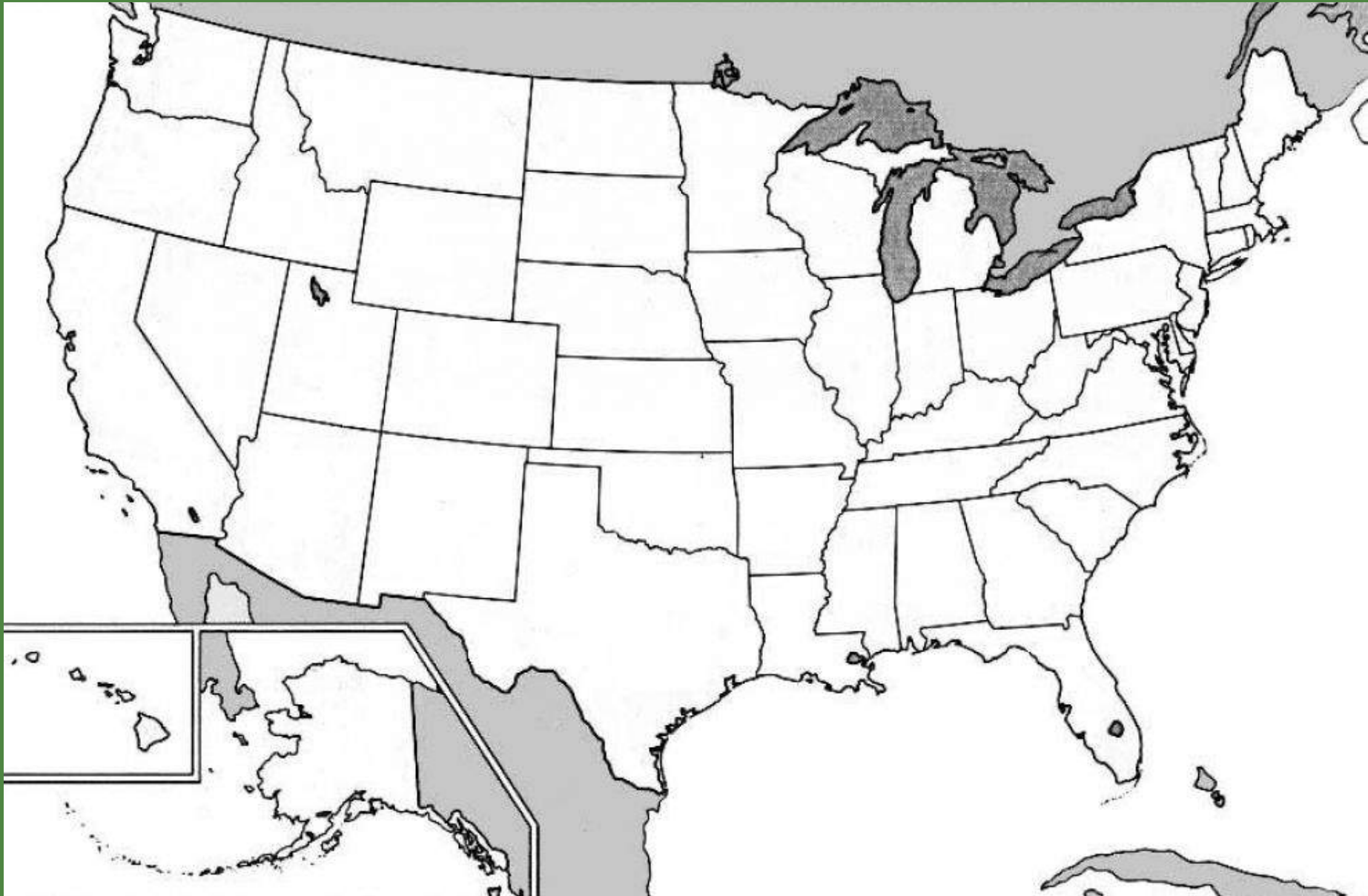
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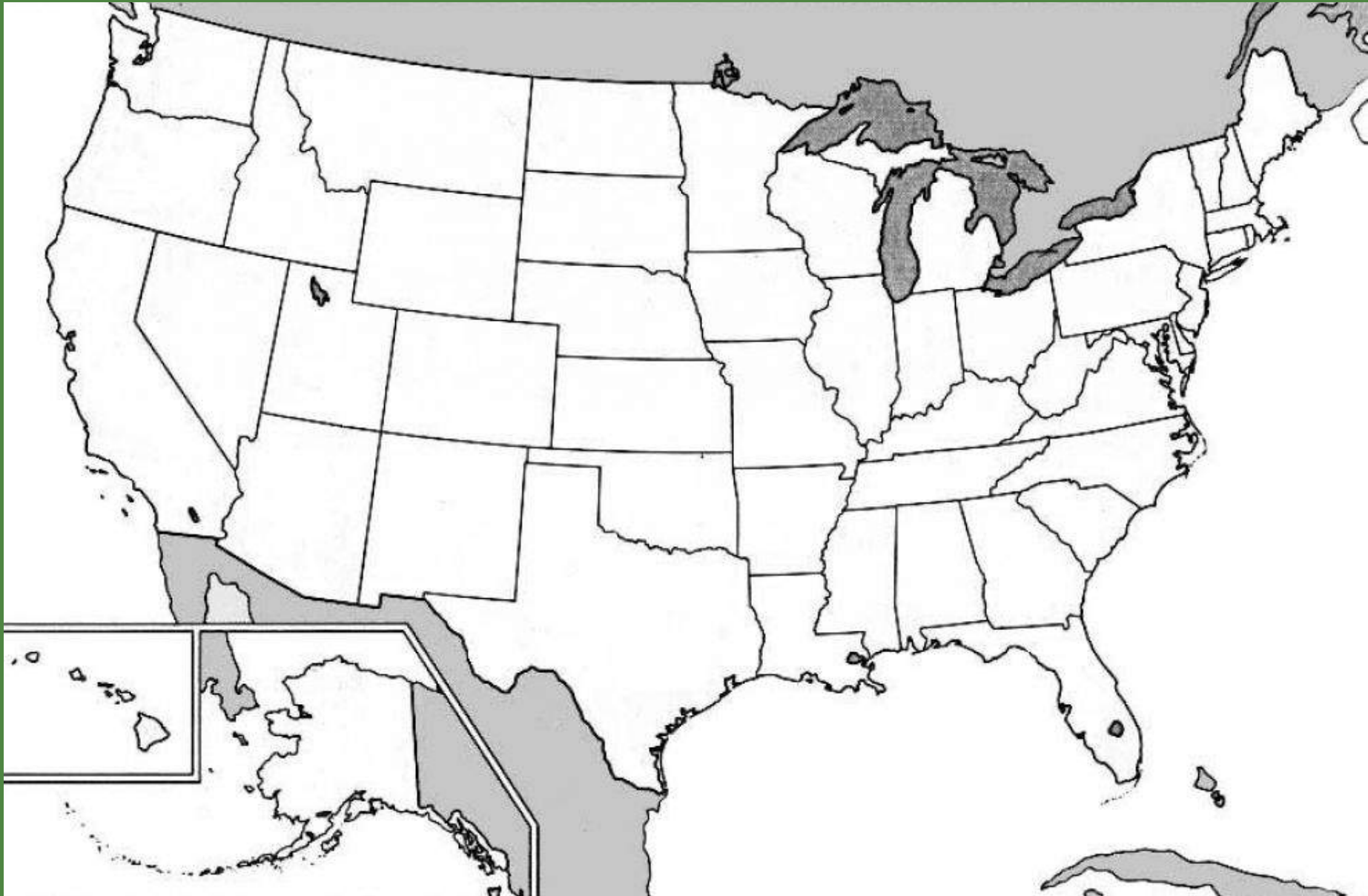
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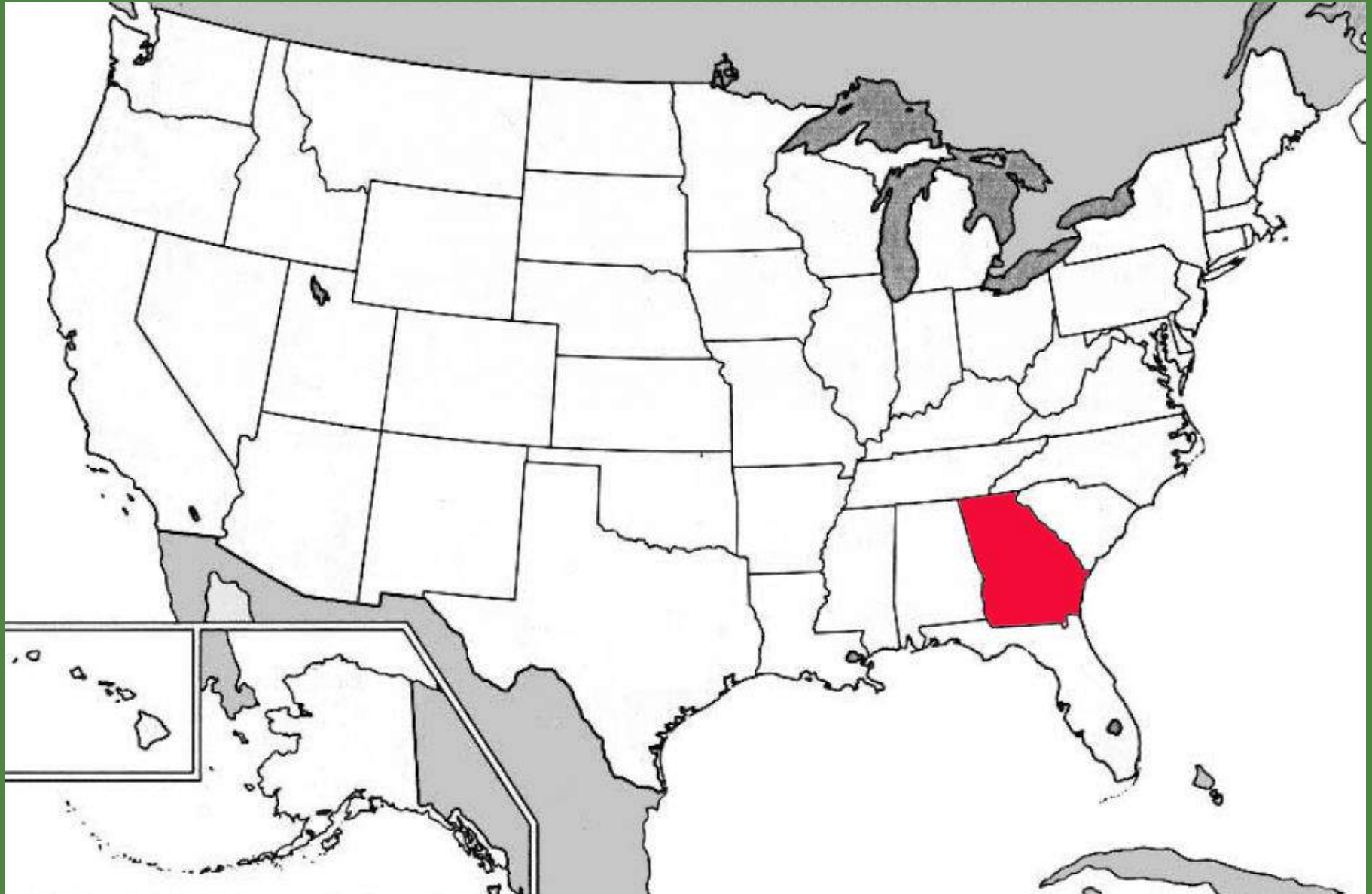
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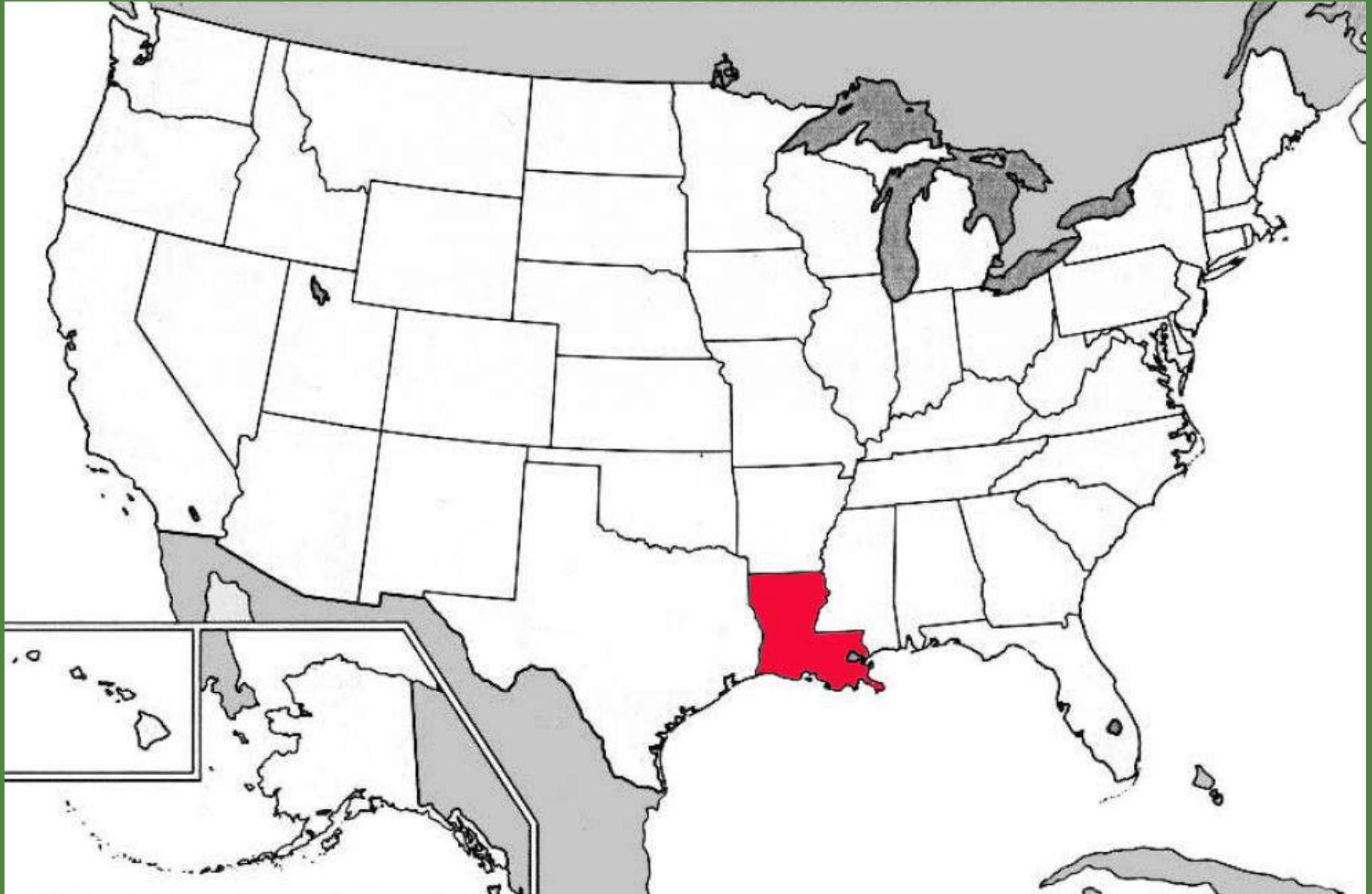
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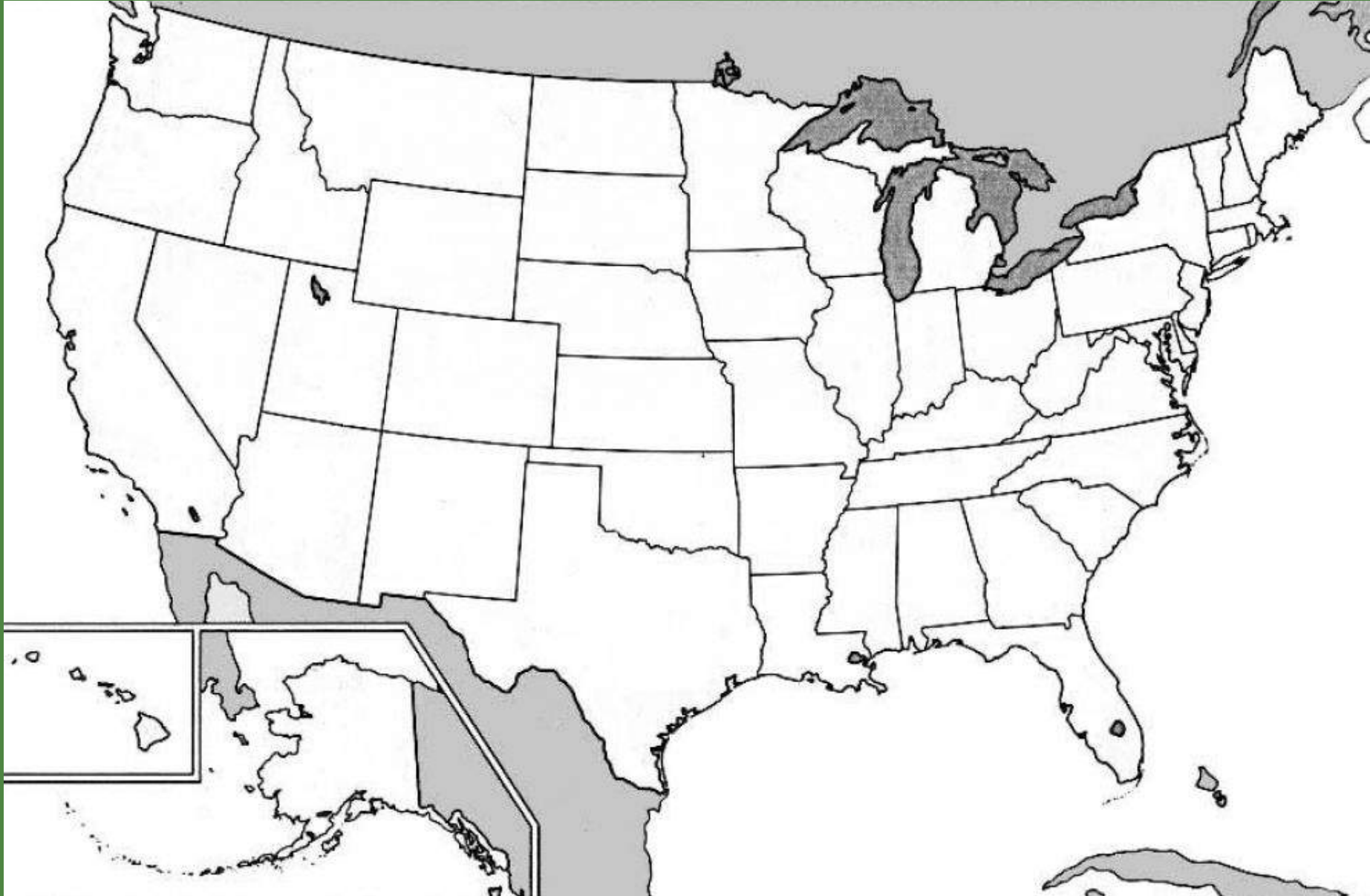
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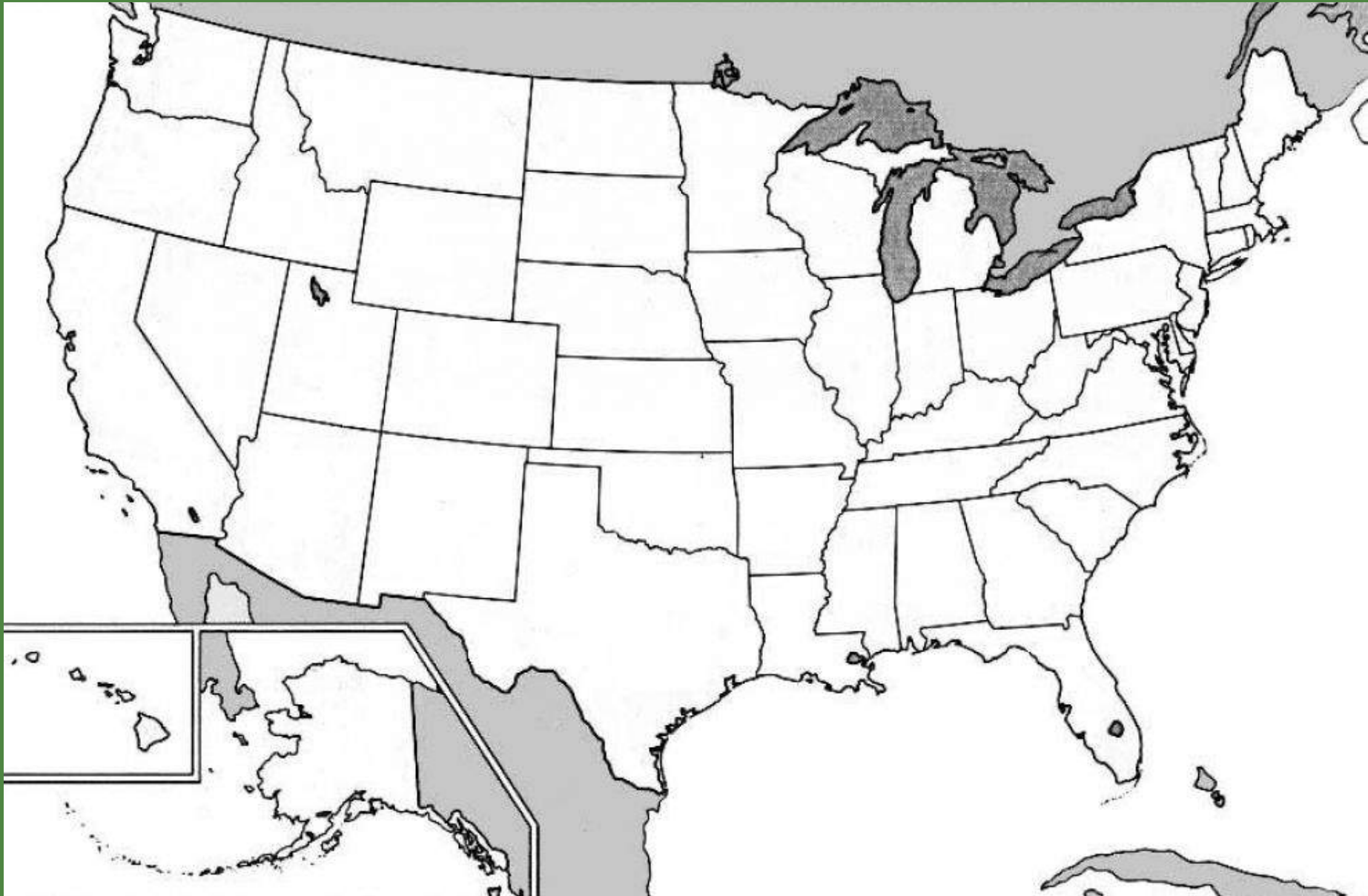
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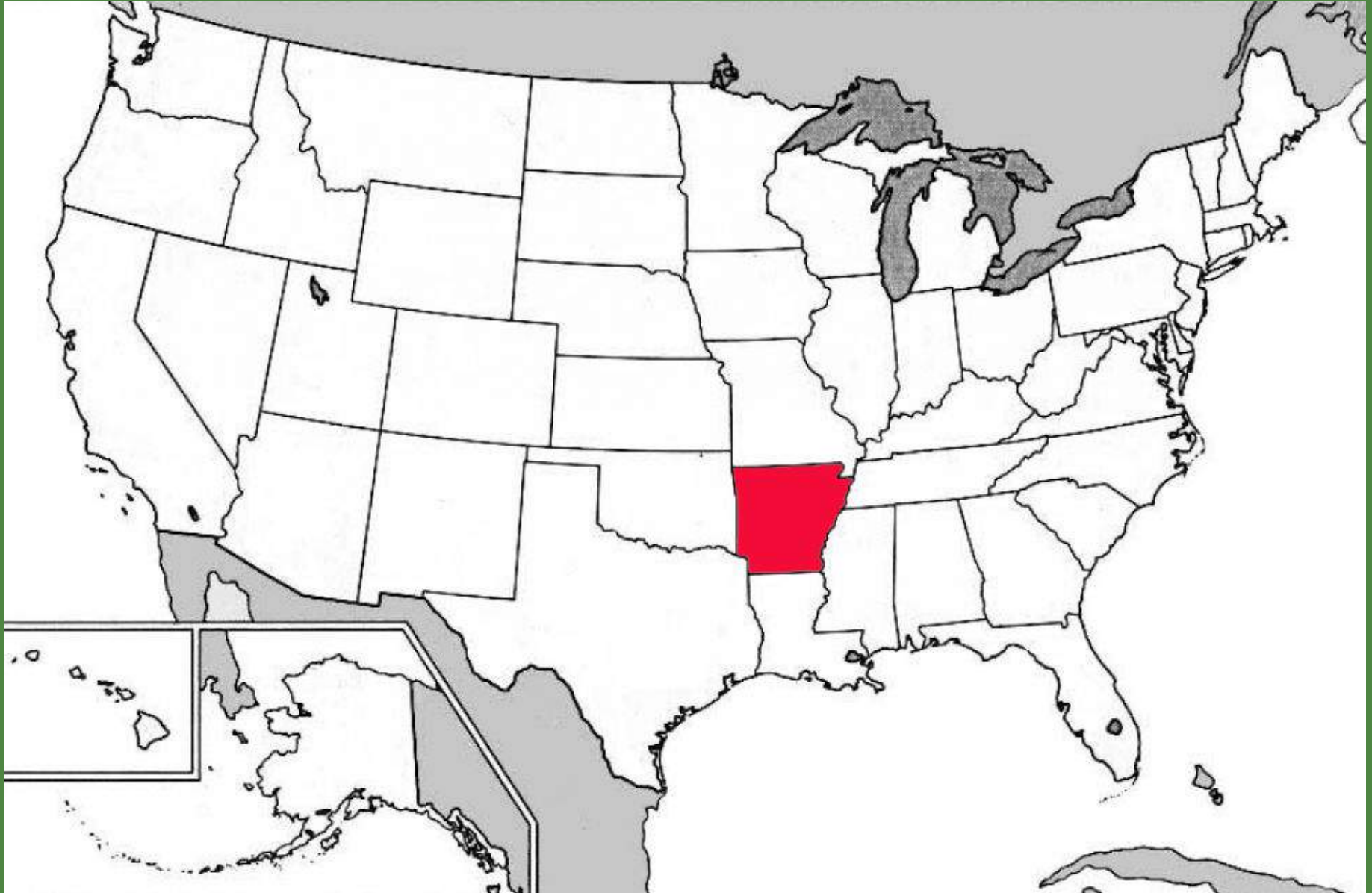
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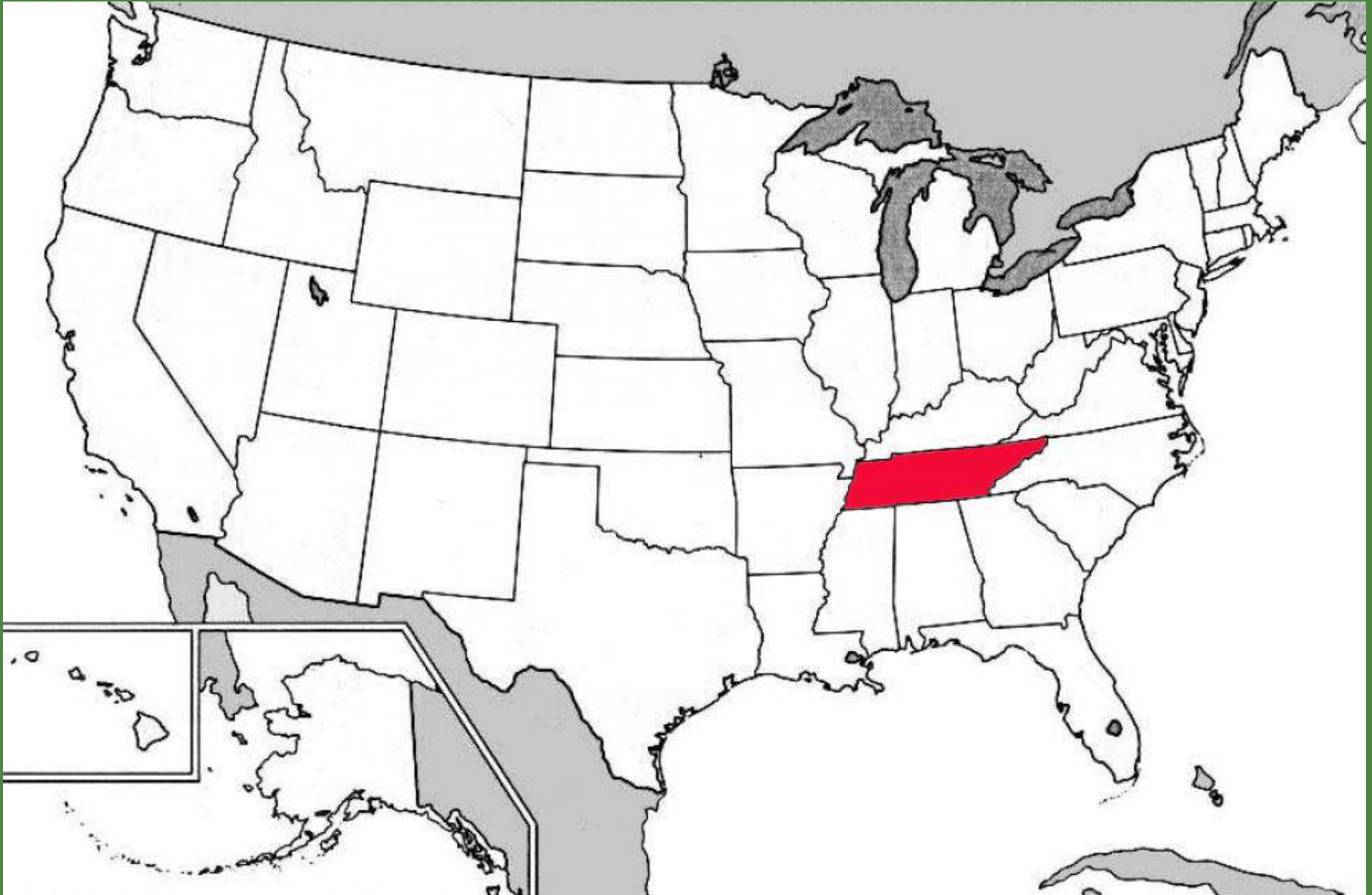
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