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The War of 1812 Basics



This painting shows an attack on Fort Oswego, New York (May, 1814), during the War of 1812. This image is courtesy of the Royal Military College of Canada Archives and of Wikimedia Commons.

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Vocabulary



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British ships not only stopped and seized American ships, they also **impressed**, or kidnapped, American sailors to serve in the British navy.



This image is from the War of 1812. Between 1803 and 1812, the British impressed approximately 10,000 Americans to work on British ships. This image is courtesy of xtimeline.com.

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The men who sailed on the **privateers** harassed British shipping while risking their lives and resources for financial gain.



This photograph shows the Meka II, an interpretation of an American privateer. This image is courtesy of pirate-privateer.com.

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A **broadside** from American naval Captain Oliver Hazard Perry's sinking ship helped him to win the Battle of Lake Erie.



This painting shows Oliver Hazard Perry standing on front of a small boat after abandoning his flagship, the *U.S.S. Lawrence* at the Battle of Lake Erie. This image was created by Edward Percy Moran (1862-1935) in 1911. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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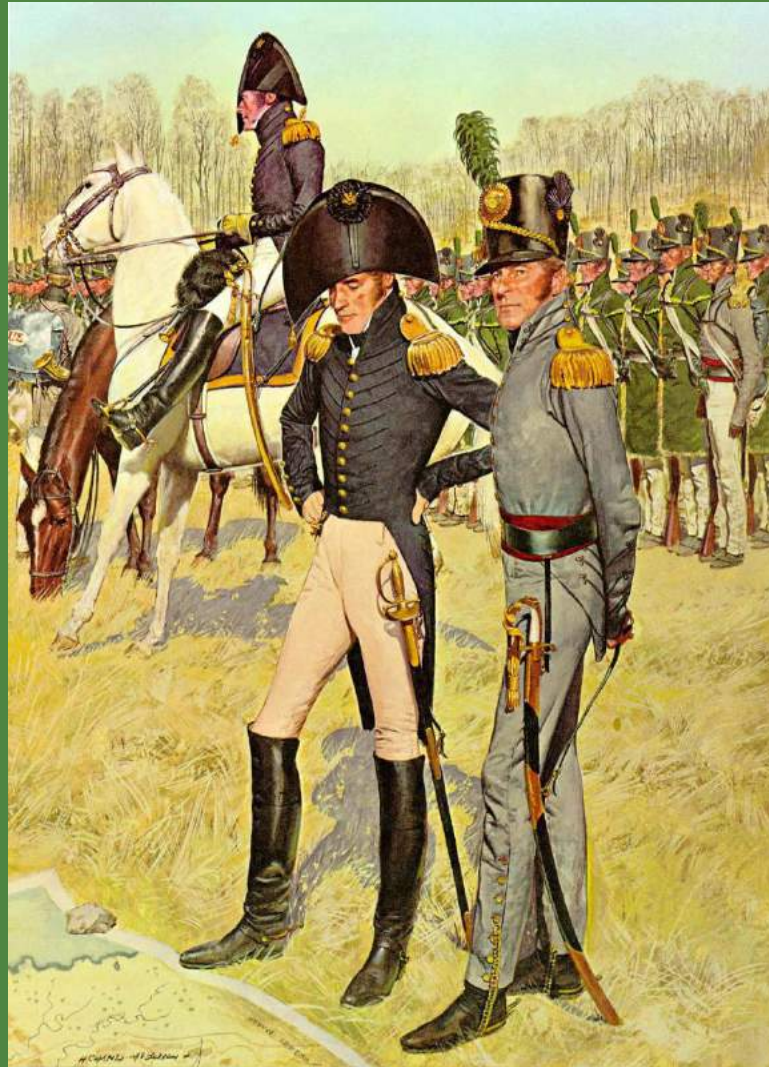
The Star Spangled Banner is the national anthem of the United States.



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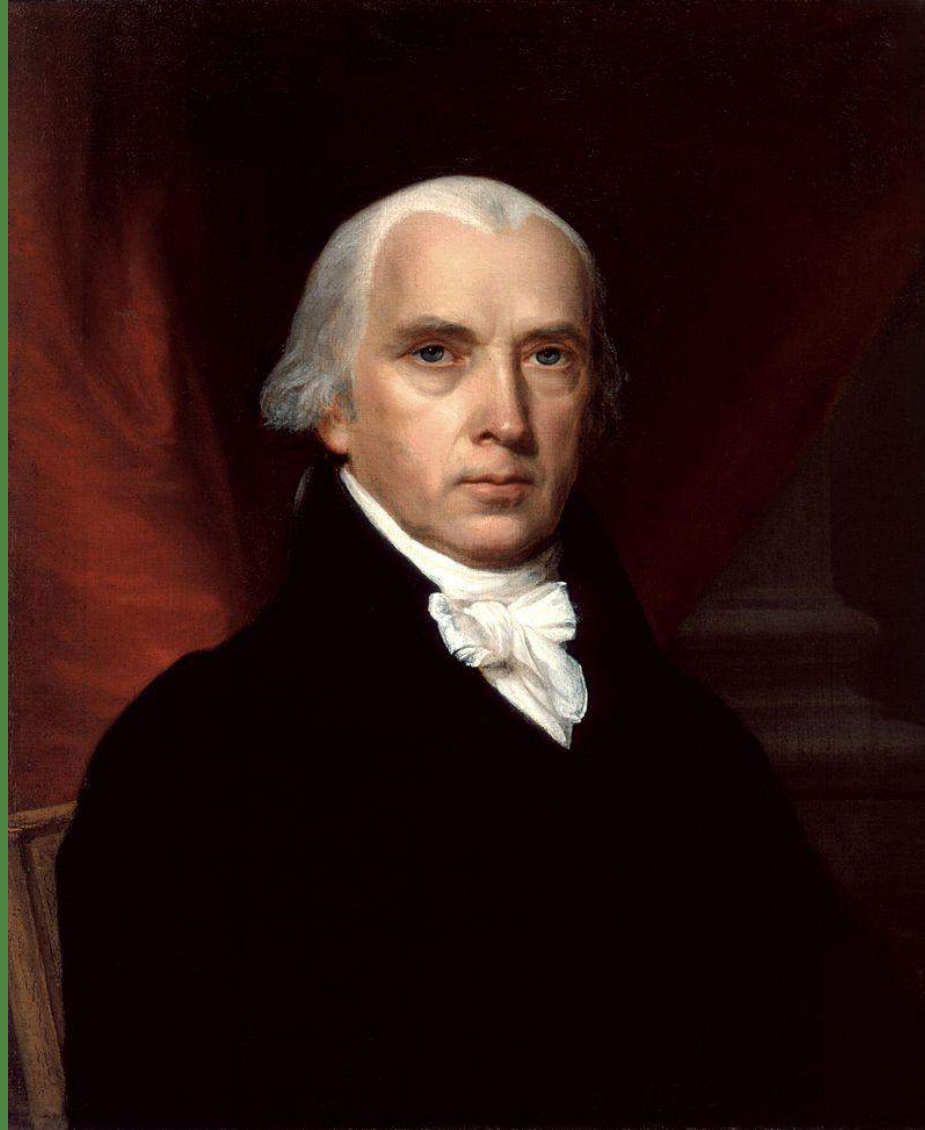
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People to Meet



This image shows an American general staff officer standing in the left foreground. An officer for a rifle regiment stands in the right foreground. A mounted general officer is in the left background. In the right background is a detachment of riflemen. This image is courtesy of the Center for Military History at history.army.mil.

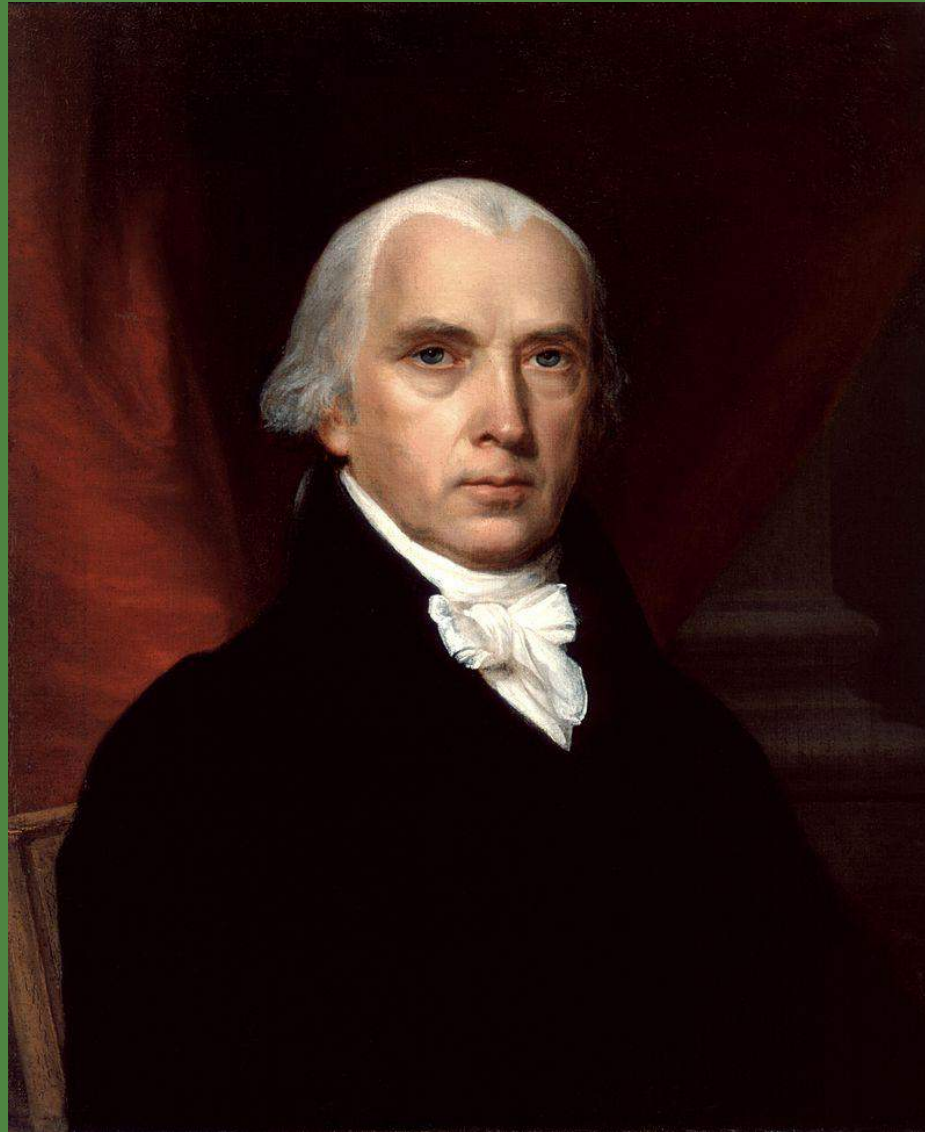
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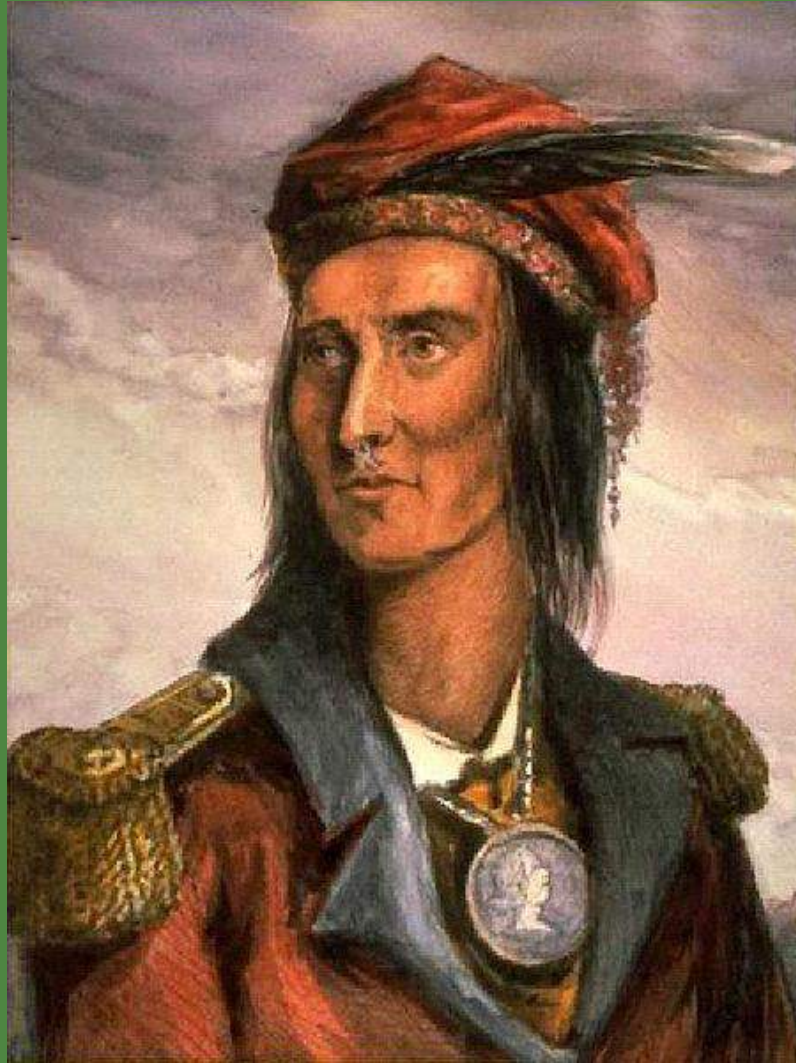
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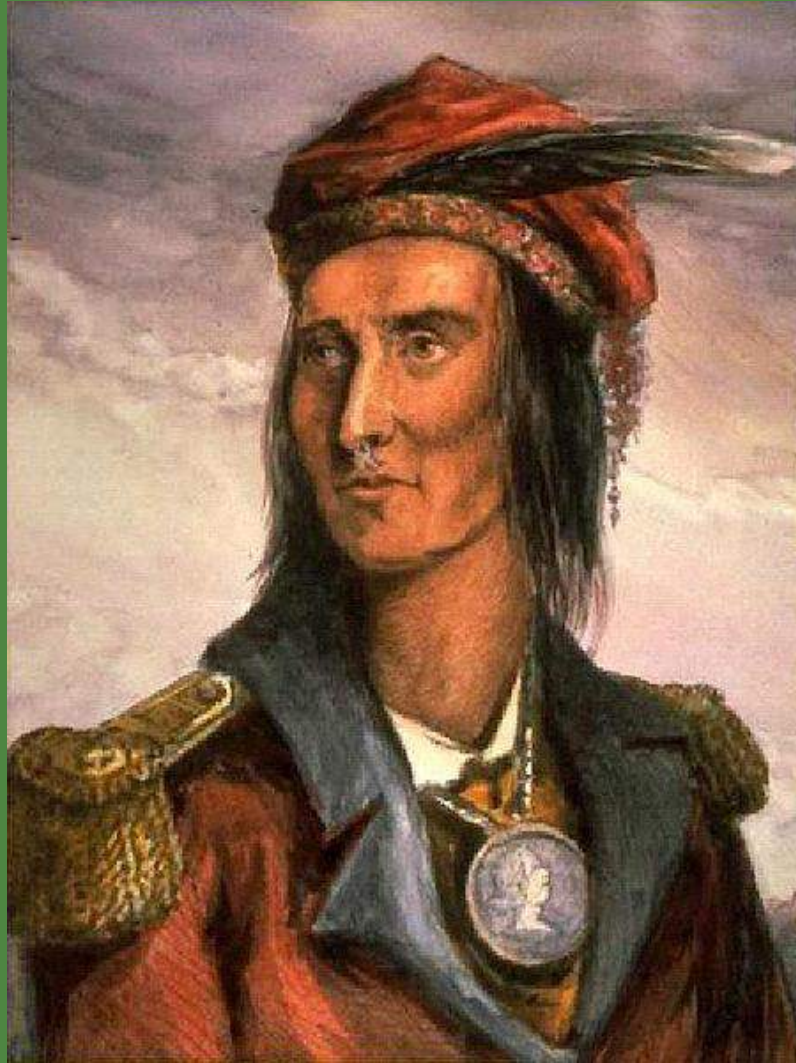
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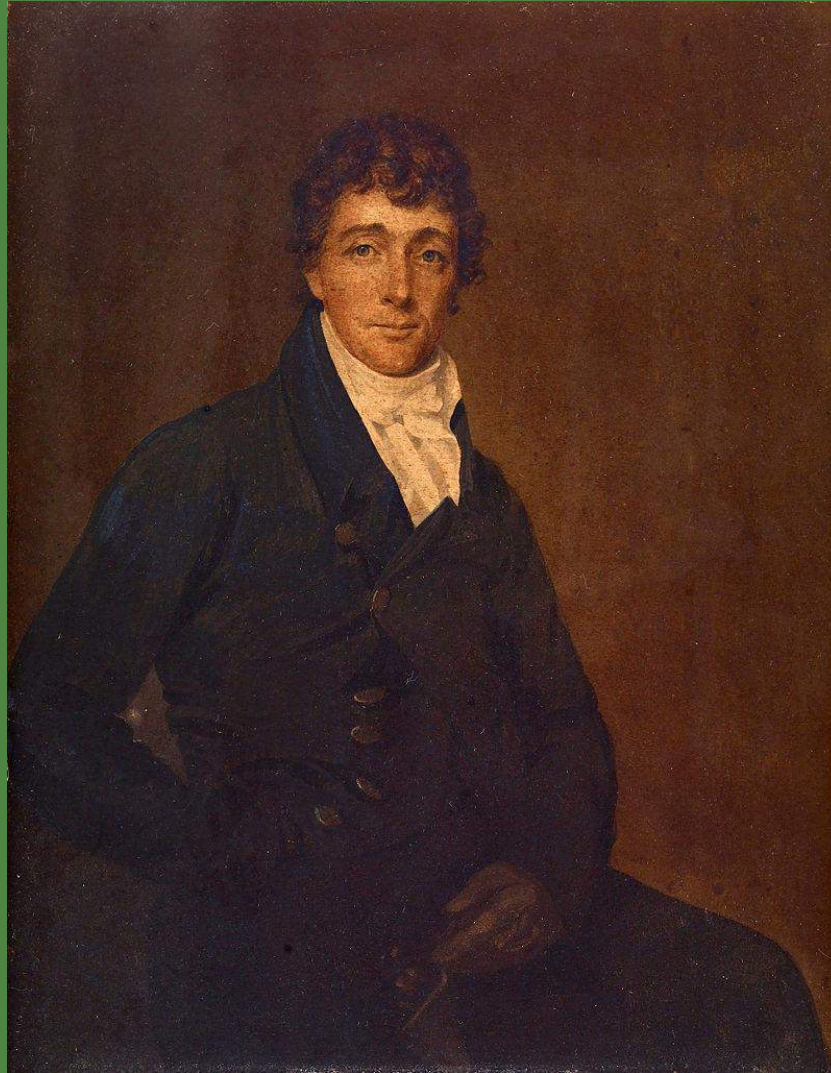
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Maps



This map shows some of the campaigns of the War of 1812. This image is courtesy of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Great Britain

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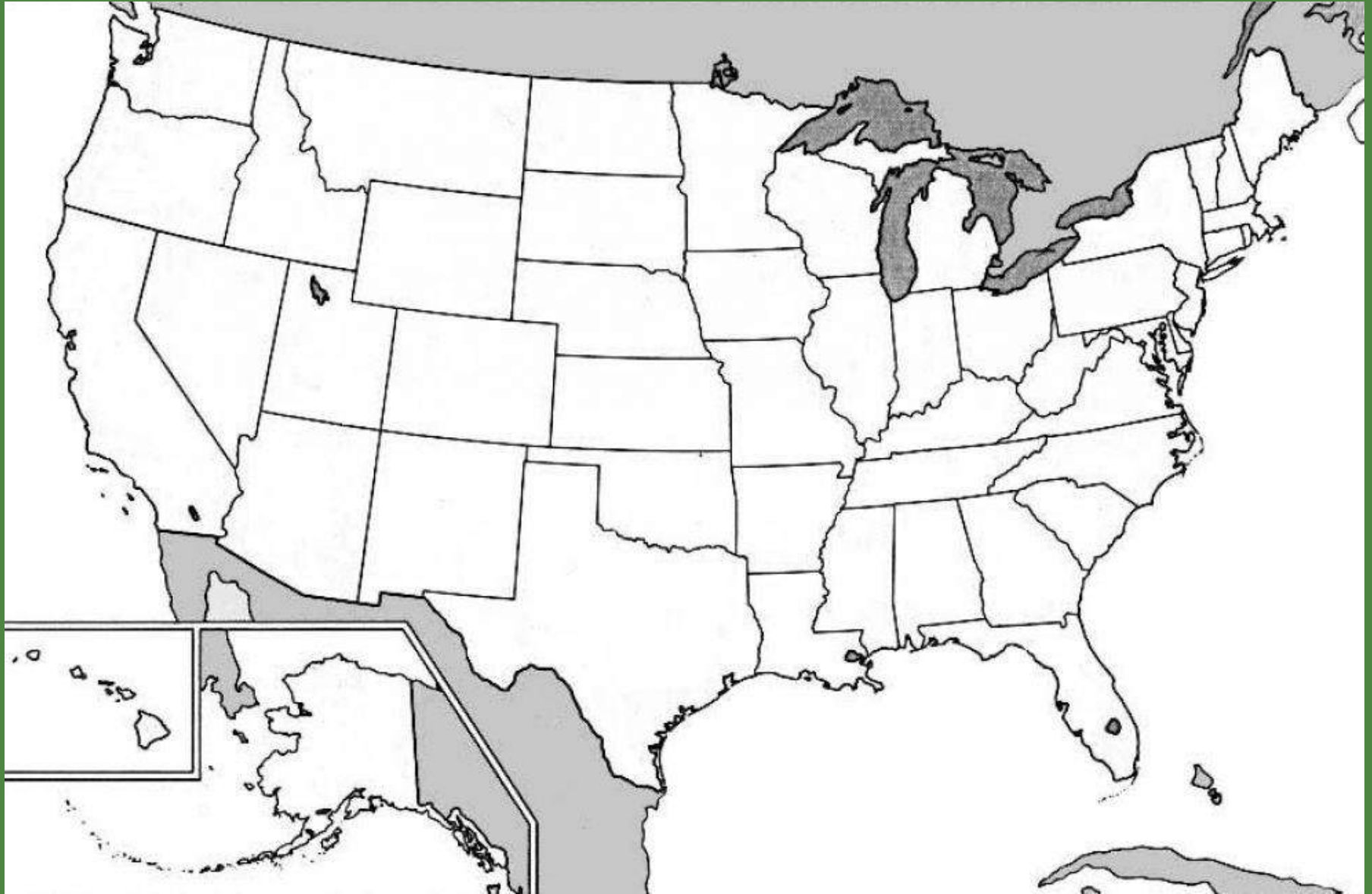
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Northwest Territory

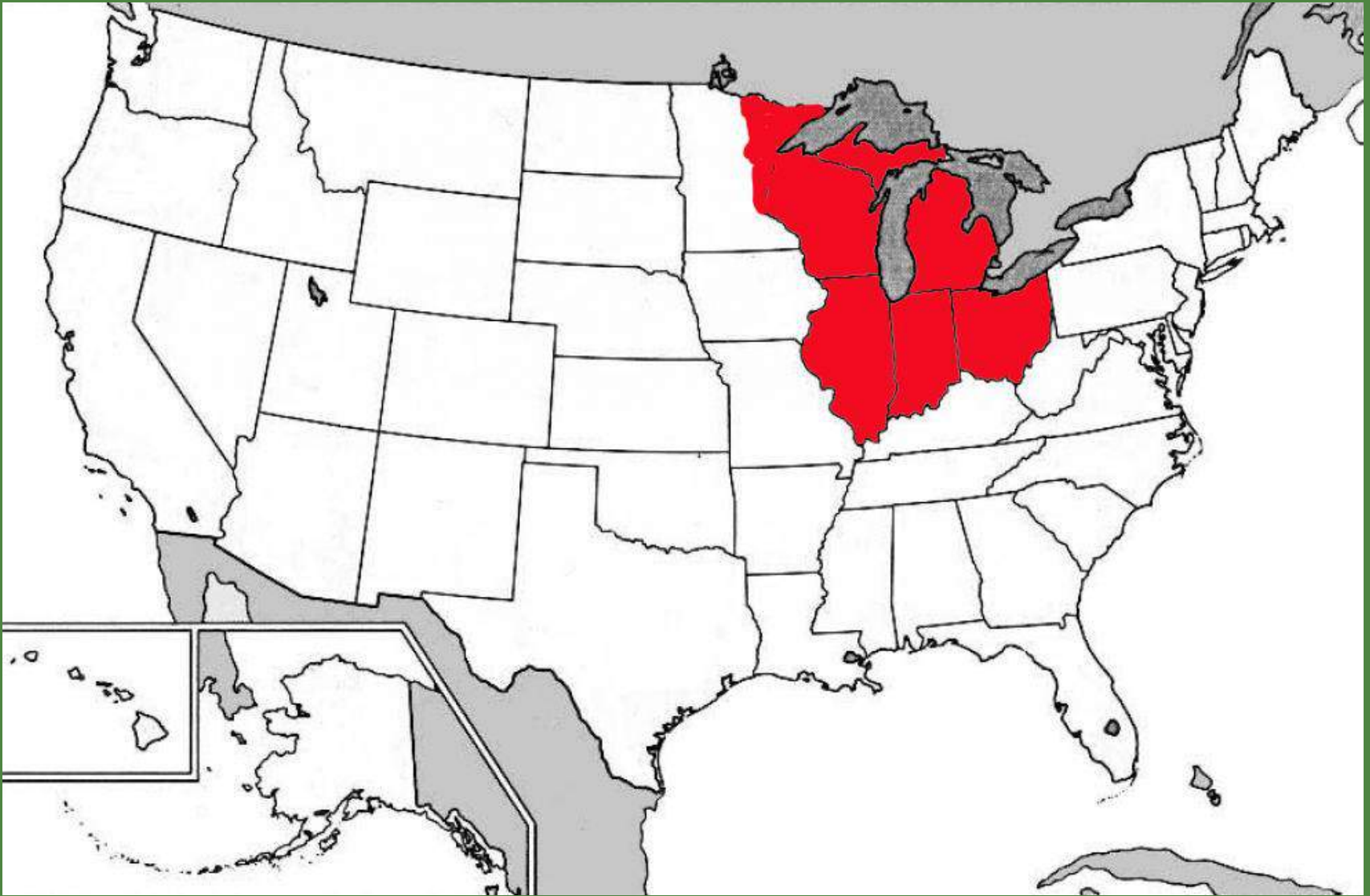
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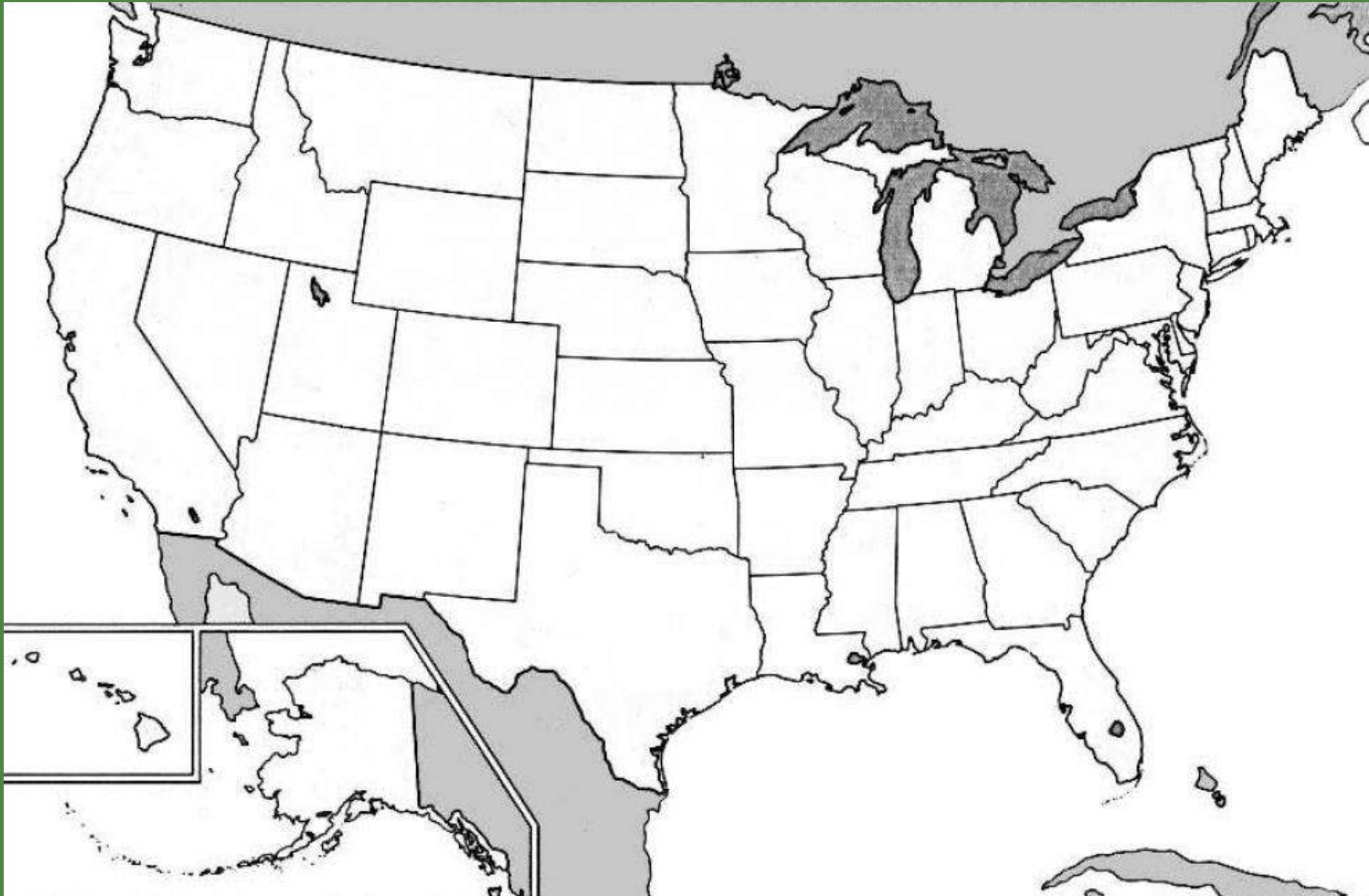
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The states of the Northwest Territory are now colored in red. Minnesota was part of Wisconsin during this time and part of the present state of Minnesota was in the Northwest Territory. This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image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

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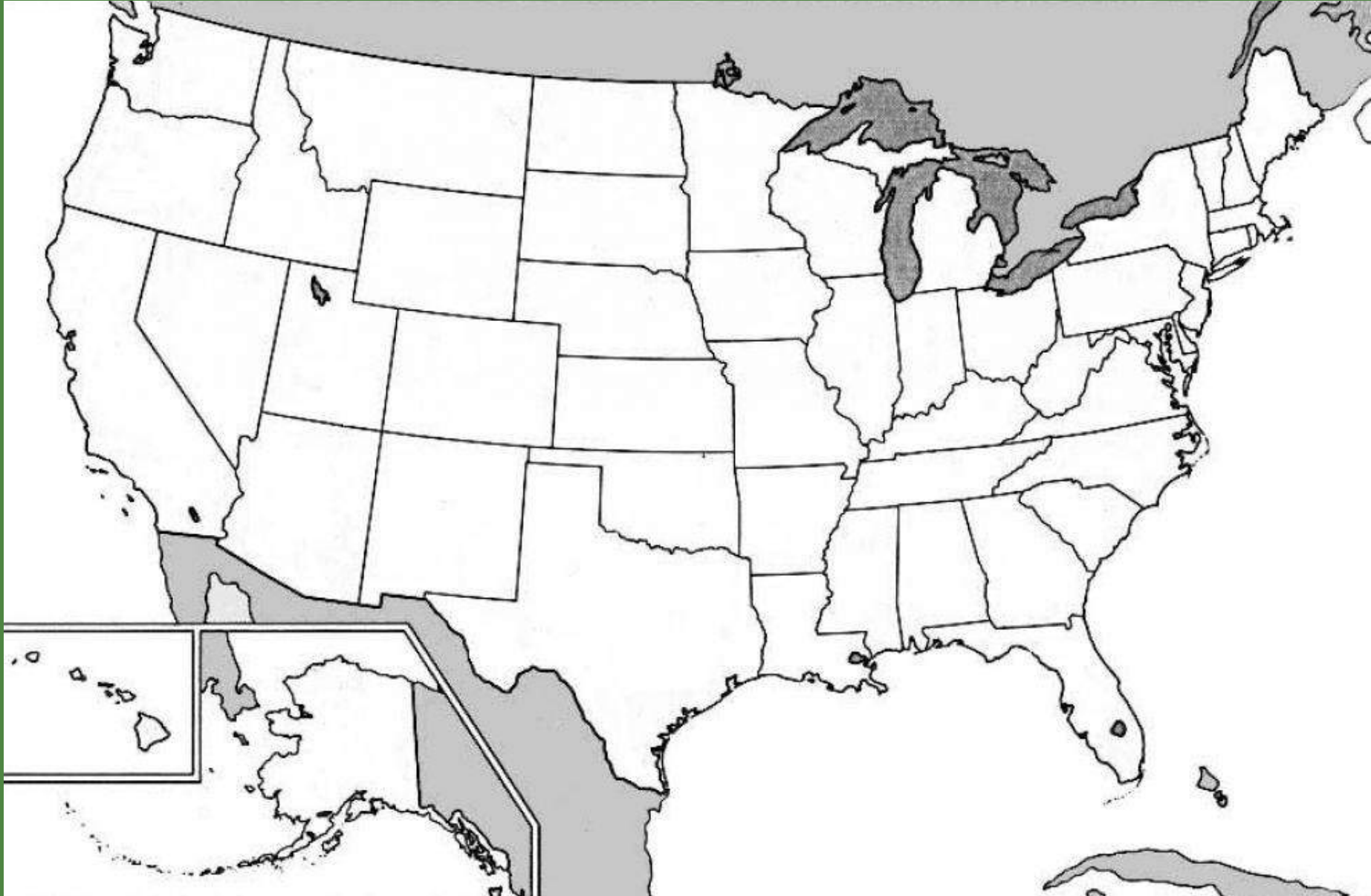
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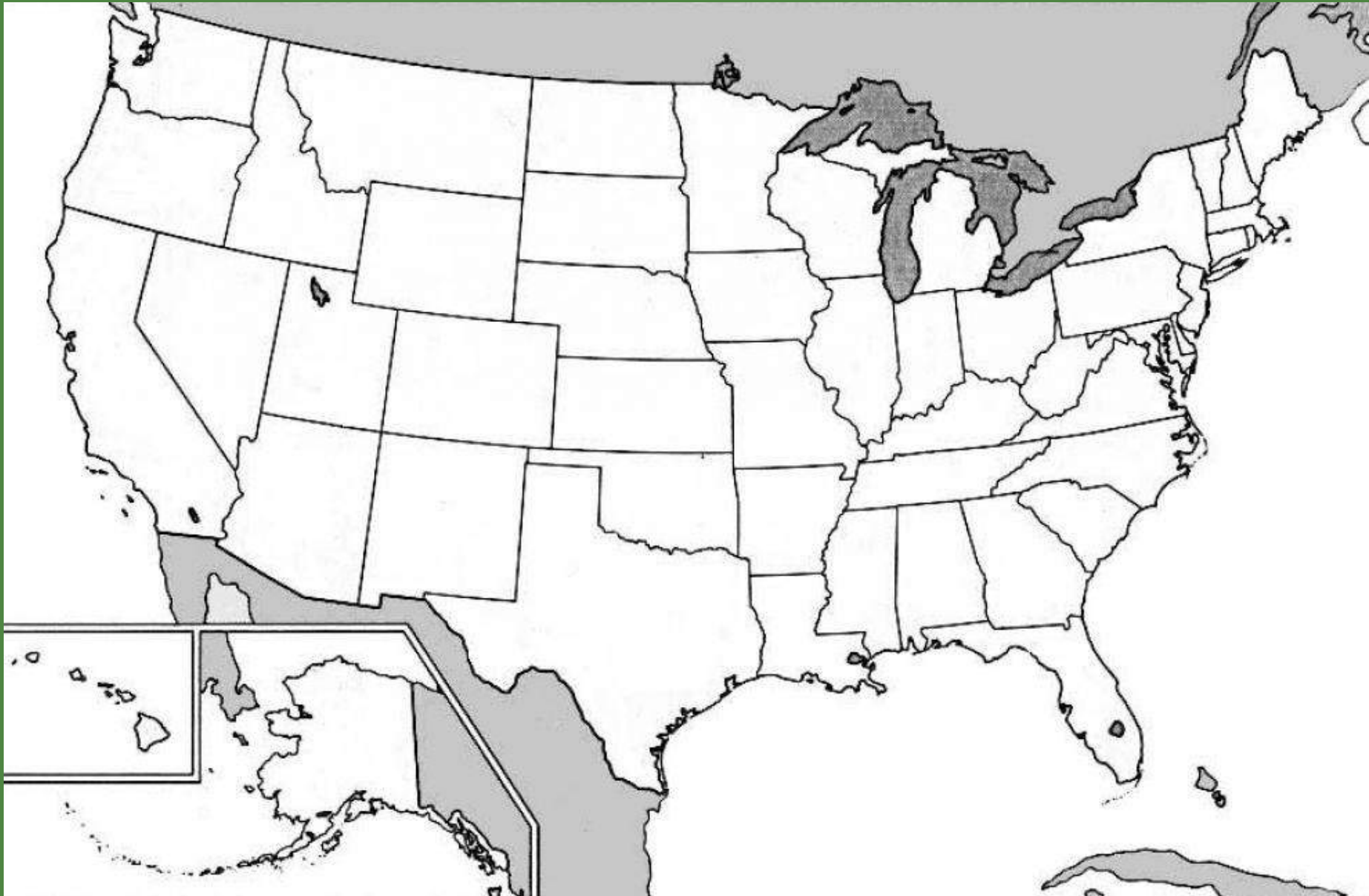
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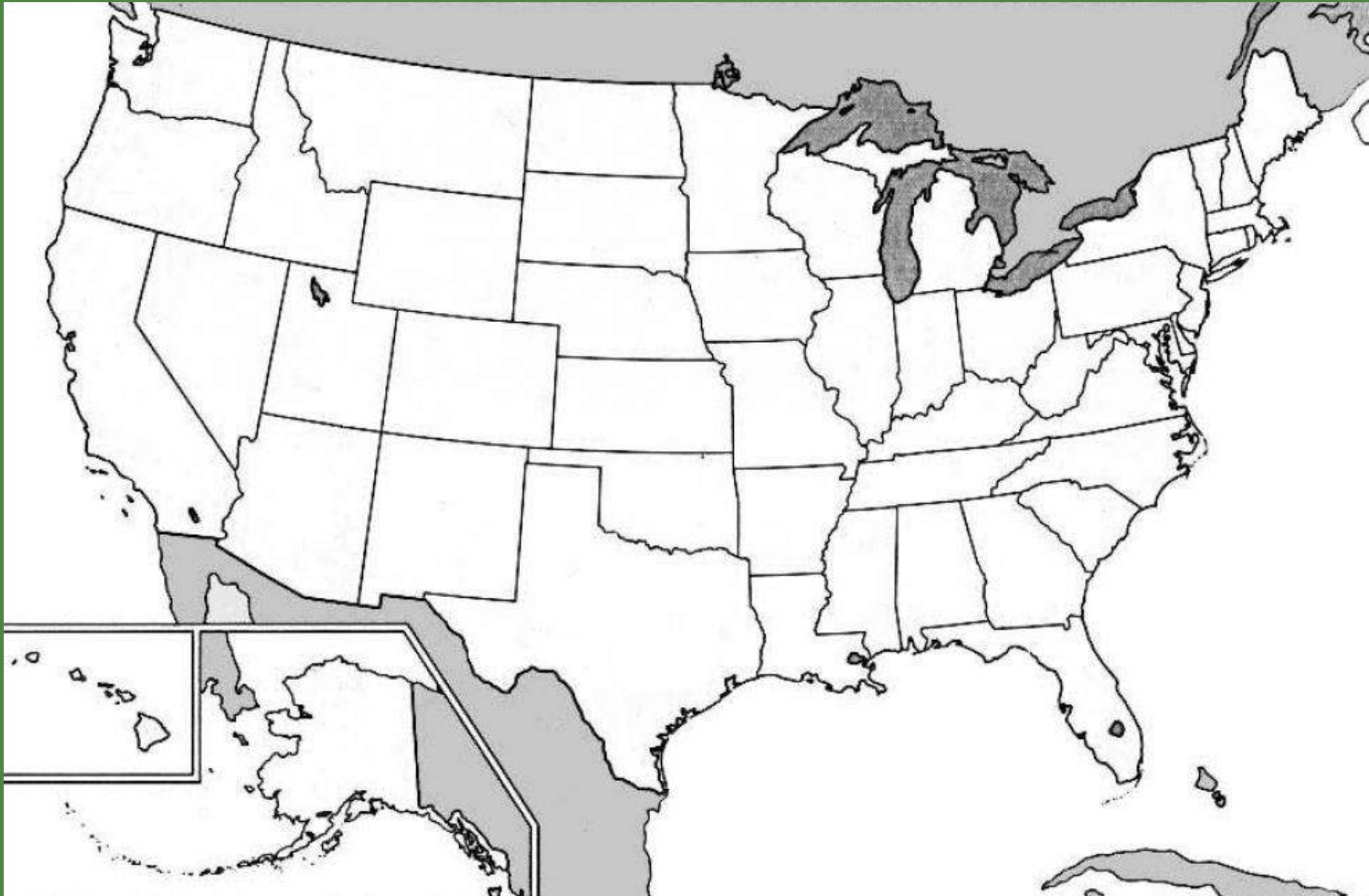
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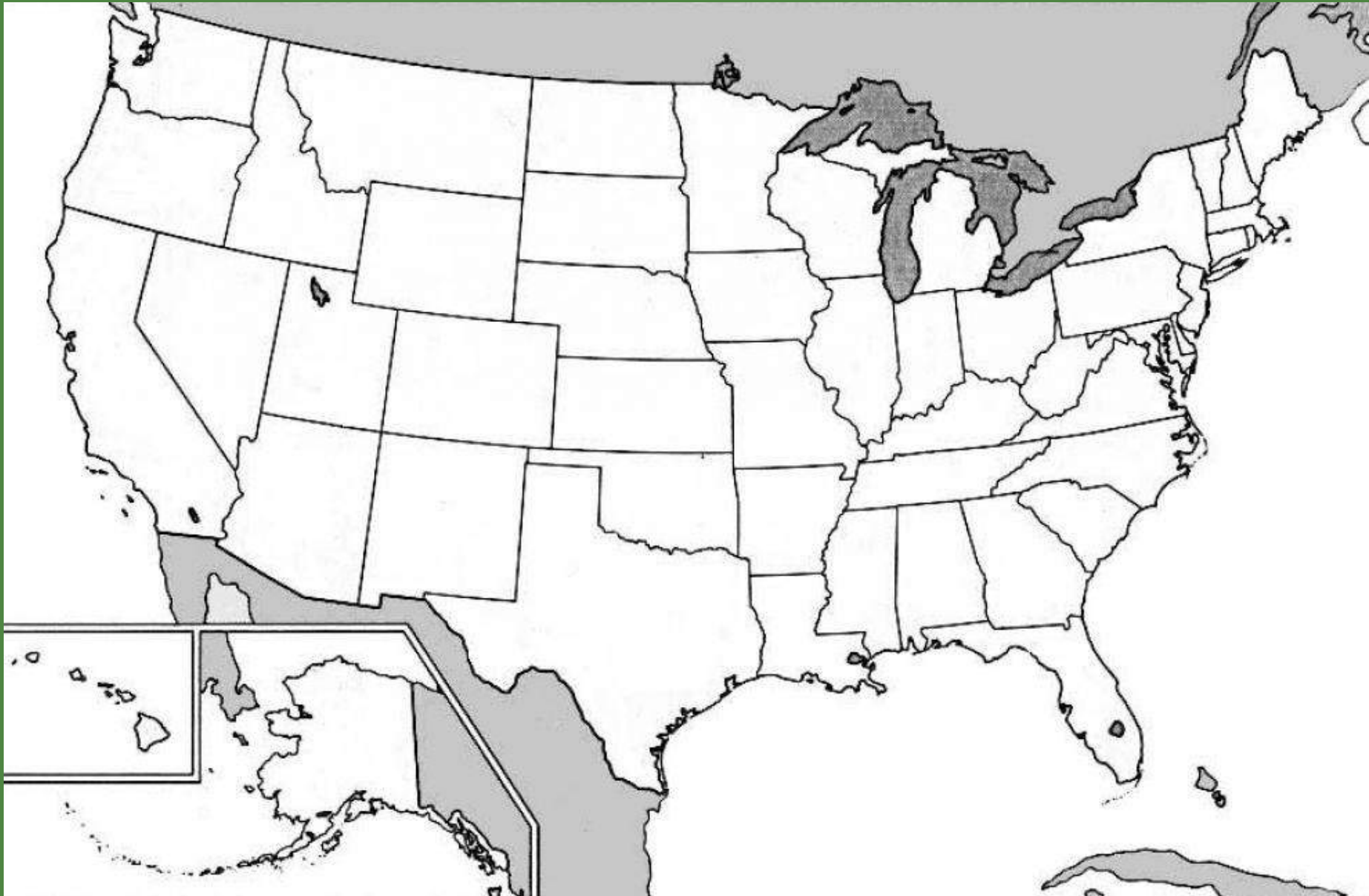
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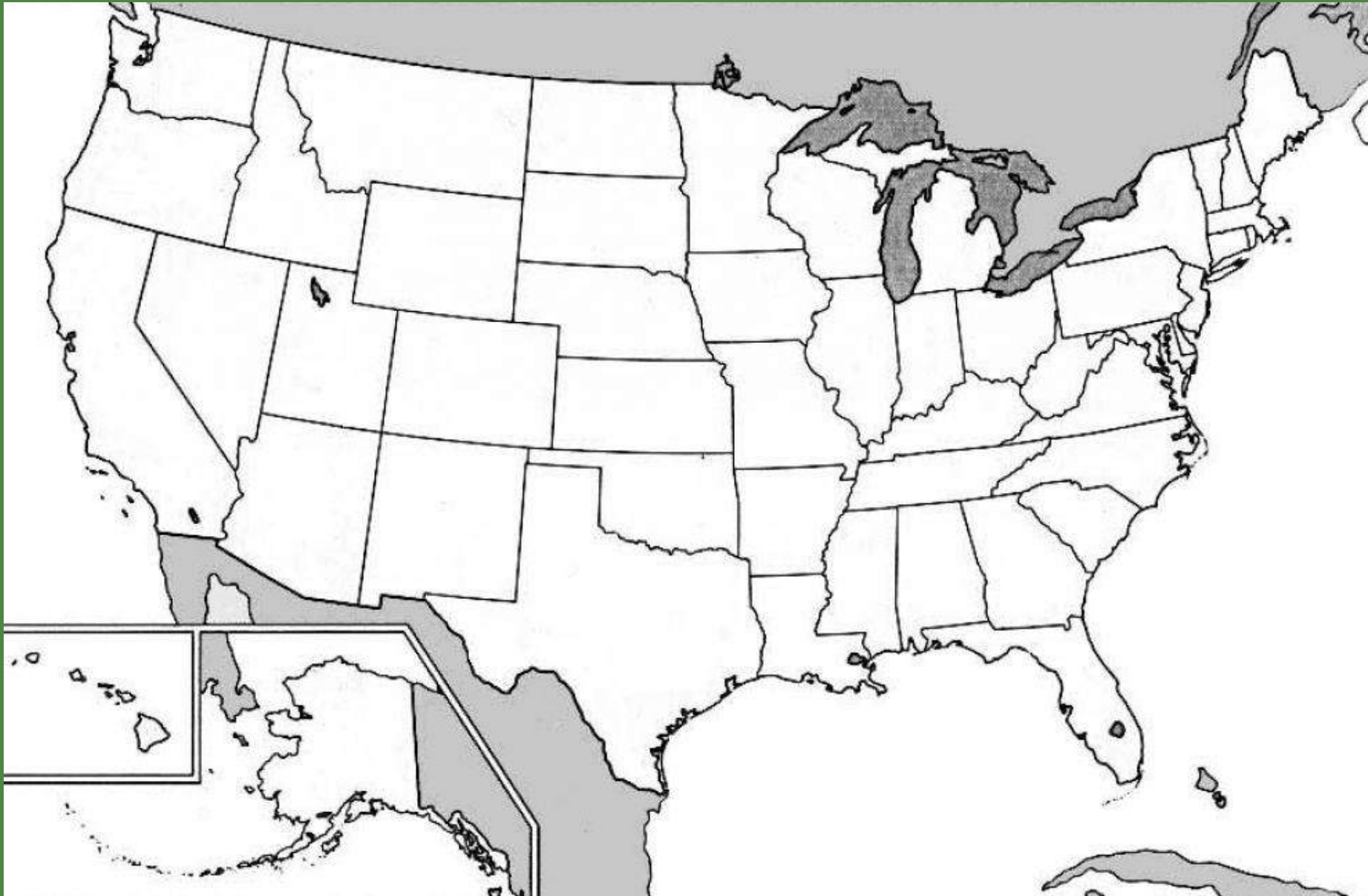
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