

Who were the winners and losers of Manifest Destiny and westward expansion?



Fill in the student packets with these notes

*"(It is) ..our manifest destiny to over spread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty..."*

In 1845, these words were written by John O'Sullivan, an editor of the New York newspaper *The Morning Post*.

- What does the word “**destiny**” mean?
- Who or what is “**Providence?**”

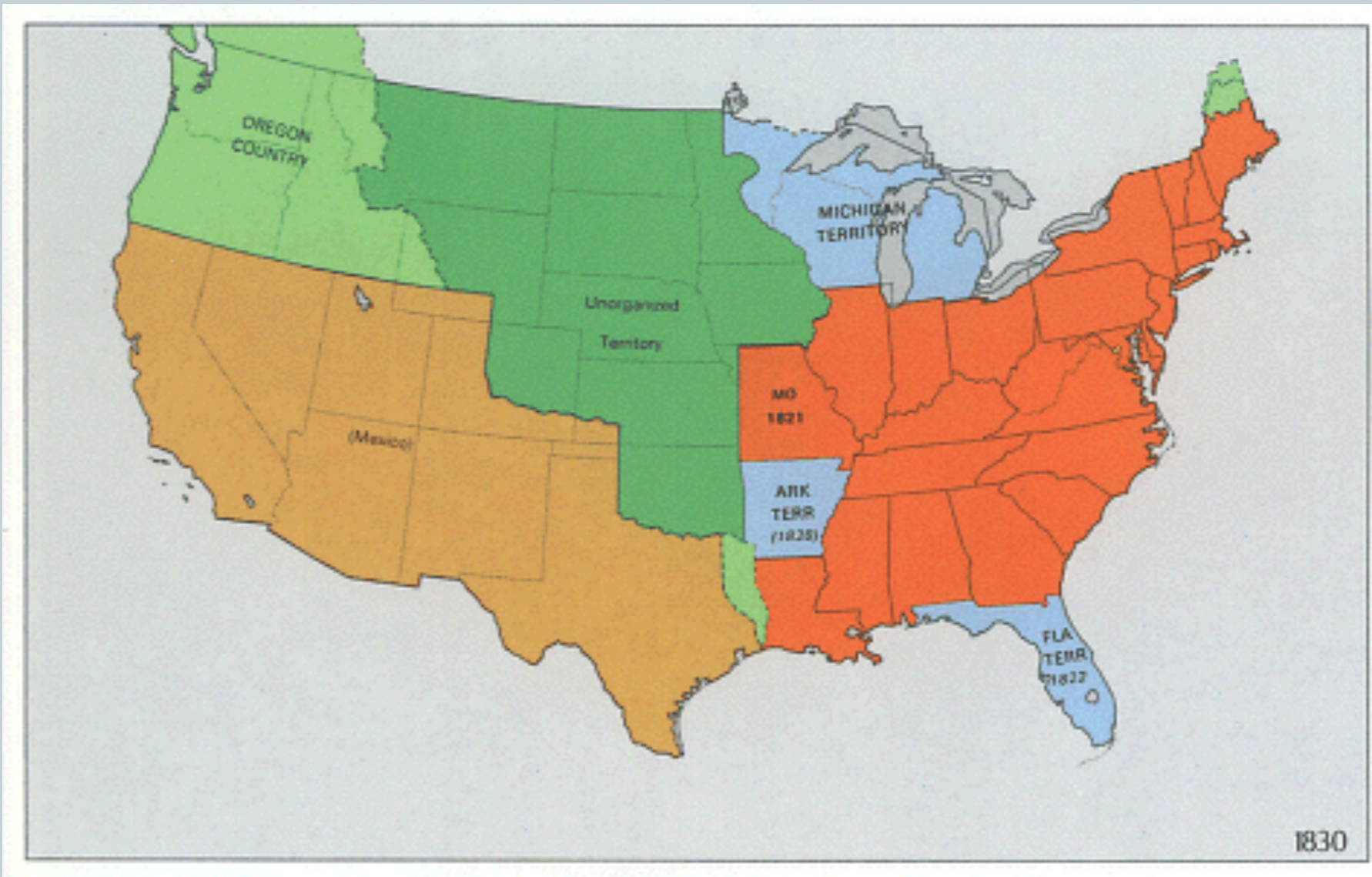


# What is Manifest Destiny?

- long-held belief that **white** Americans had a God-given right to **all** the land between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- any obstacles that were in the way of achieving that would be justifiably and aggressively removed!



What were the potential obstacles in the way of Americans fully achieving Manifest Destiny in the year 1830?



- Mexico
- Territorial disputes with Britain over Oregon Country
- Natives



# How does America actually achieve its' Manifest Destiny?





# *American Progress* by John Gast: 1872



- What does the angelic woman represent?
- What is she carrying with her as she travels west (study all the details closely)?
- Who/what are being driven into the darkness to make room for “progress”?

Brainstorm the various reasons a person might move away from his/her homeland today.



Why did pioneers want to venture west in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?

# Reason # 1: ADVENTURE & OPPORTUNITY!



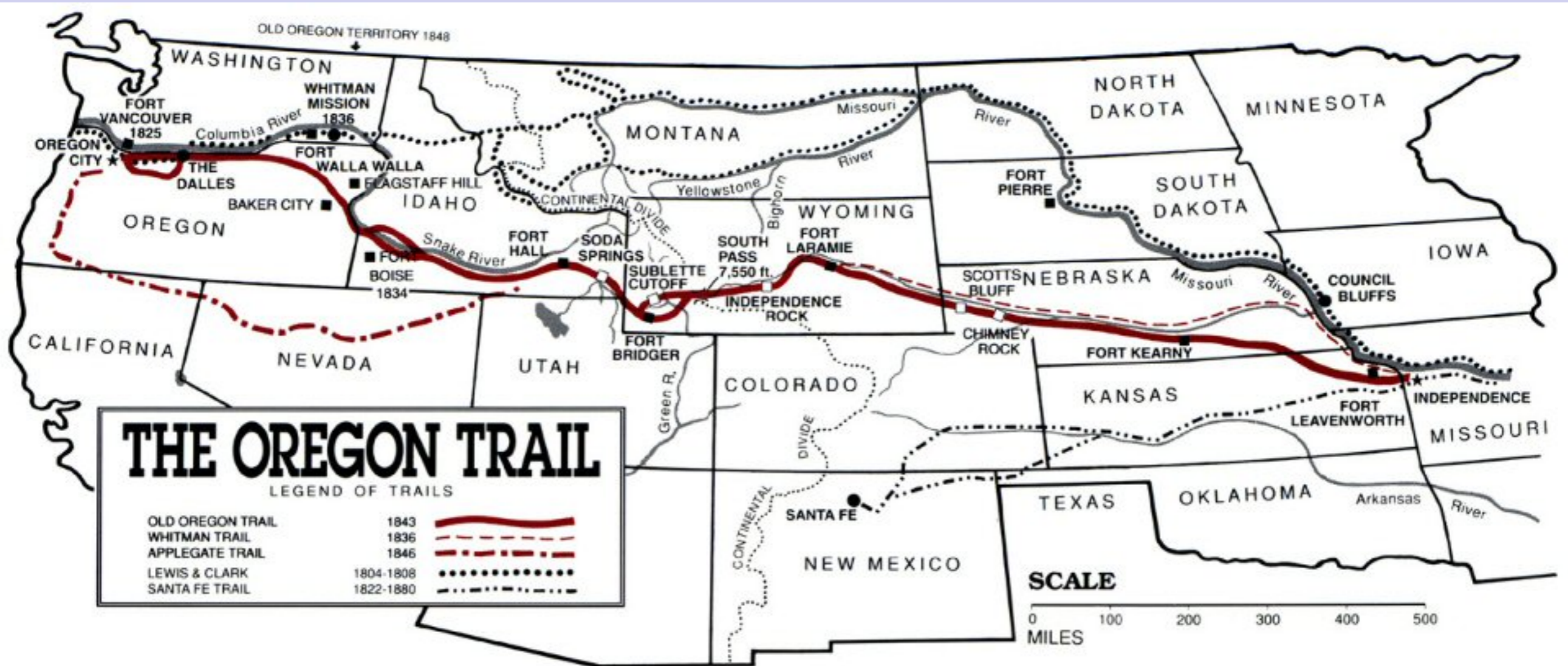
Do YOU have the pioneer spirit???



# Reason # 2: FERTILE & FREE LAND!



- Attracted by open land and excellent soil, thousands of people began to travel the Oregon Trail by 1843.



- Travelers had to cover 2,000 miles on foot in five months.



- Most pioneers were headed to the fertile **Willamette Valley** in present-day **Oregon**





Wagon trains were used by the travelers, and people worked together.











- At first, pioneers frequently traded with Native Americans and they were mainly helpful.
- Over time, the relationship became strained.



Read the 2 accounts of  
pioneers women &  
complete the Venn  
Diagram

Emigrant William Kilgore:

**"Buffalo extended the whole length of our afternoon's travel, not in hundreds, but in solid phalanx. I estimated two million."**



Emigrant John Wyeth:

**"We saw them in frightful droves as far as the eye could reach; appearing at a distance as if the ground itself was moving like a sea."**



Emigrant Isaac Foster:

**"The valley of the Platte for 200 miles; dotted with skeletons of buffalos; such a waste of the creatures God had made for man seems wicked, but every emigrant seems to wish to signalize himself by killing a buffalo."**



*Slaughtered buffalo lying dead in the snow in 1872.*



*Slaughtered For the Hide, Harper's Weekly, 1874*





RATH & WRIGHT'S BUFFALO HIDE YARD IN 1878, SHOWING 40,000 BUFFALO HIDES. DODGE CITY, KANSAS

FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



- When the railroad pushed westward through the Plains, buffalo were often shot for sport as the trains passed by, the carcasses left to rot upon the prairie.



# Wanton [Merciless] Destruction of the Buffalo



How did this affect the Native Americans living in the Plains region?

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RESPECTFULLY YOURS,  
**Col. C. C. CARPENTER.**

**P. S.**—Parties will have no trouble in getting teams at Coffeyville for hauling their goods into the Territory.  
C. C. C.

How did the U.S. government obtain this Indian territory?

Where were the Natives sent??



## The Homestead Act:

*May 20, 1862*

*...Be it enacted, That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States...shall... be entitled to one quarter-section...of ...public land...*

- In 1841, the government passed an act that allowed people to **purchase** 160 acres of Plains land for a very small price.
- A further act, passed in 1862, divided 2.5 million acres of Plains land into sections, or homesteads, of 160 acres. People could now claim 160 acres of land basically for free!! The only requirement on their part was that they paid a small administrative fee, cleared the land, and lived on it for at least 5 years.

# HWK:

- ◆ Create a postcard to your family or friends at home (in the East)
- ◆ Include 3 details from our notes today:
  - ◆ 1 reason why people moved West
  - ◆ 1 way that people traveled West
  - ◆ 1 reason to convince people from back East to move West
- ◆ You can write the “address” to the person/people you’re writing to on the lines
- ◆ Write your full name on the back of the postcard
- ◆ WRITE NEATLY



# Reason # 3: Escape from RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION!



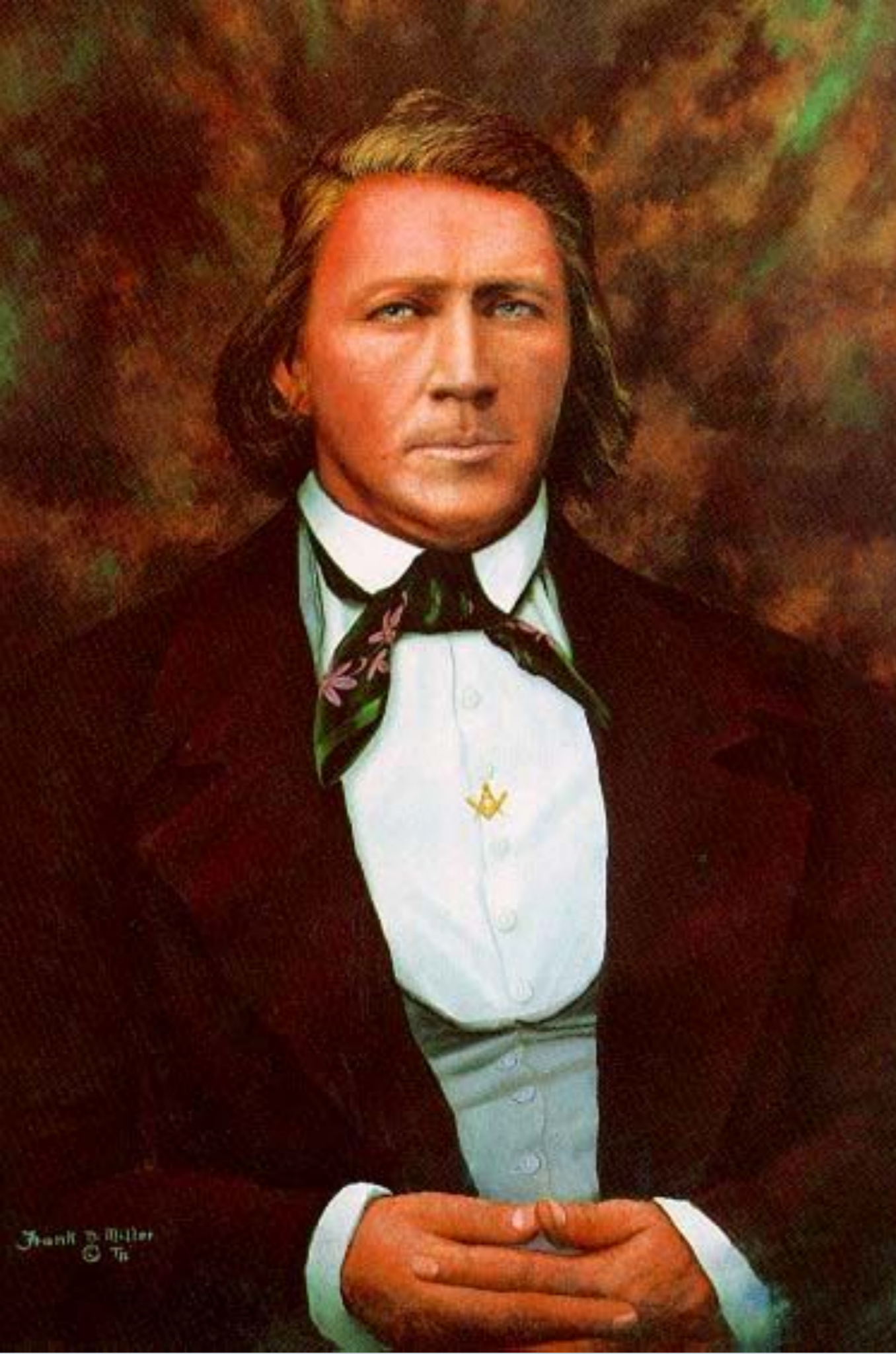
***Mormon Tabernacle***



*Joseph Smith*

- Since its founding in 1830, members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were often harshly treated and persecuted by their neighbors.
- There was violence directed against the Church, its members, and its leader, Joseph Smith.





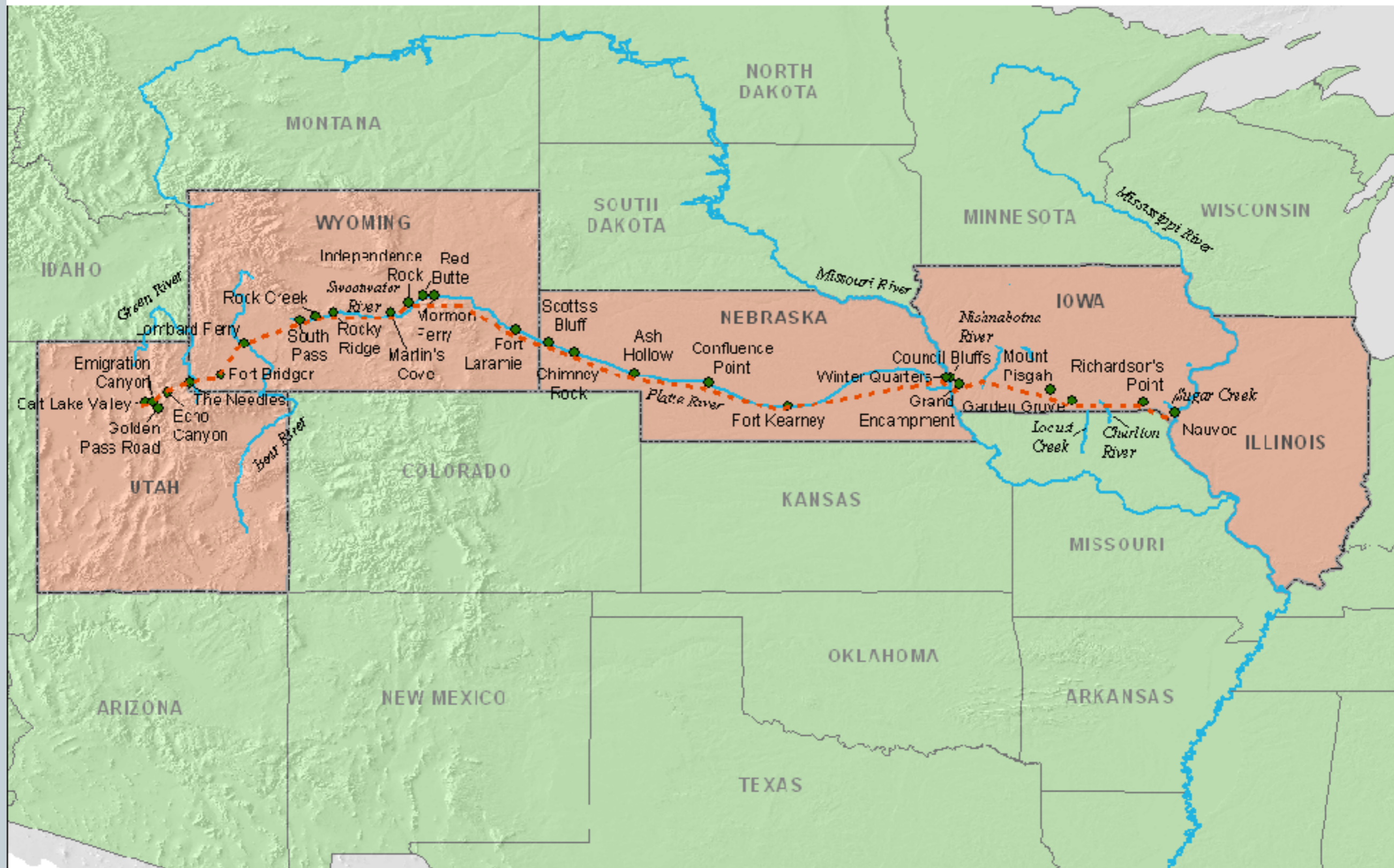
- Seeking religious refuge, the Mormons embarked on a long journey to Utah led by Brigham Young.

- The Mormons established their first community in Utah 1847.

*Brigham Young*



# Sites Along the Mormon Trail







*A scene along the Mormon trail.*

# Reason # 4: GOLD!





- In 1848, James W. Marshall had discovered gold unexpectedly while overseeing construction of a sawmill on the American River.





## Gold and Silver Strikes

- The California Gold Rush began in 1849, attracting thousands of gold hunters known as *forty-niners*.





- **Boomtowns** popped up practically overnight.
- For example, prior to 1848, San Francisco had a non-Native population of around 800; within a few years, its' population had skyrocketed to over 255,000!!





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- Gold and silver mines were discovered throughout the West.
- Thousands of miners from the U.S., Europe, Mexico, and China flocked to the West.



*White and Chinese miners hoping to strike it rich during the California Gold Rush at Auburn Ravine in 1852.*



“During the early days of the Gold Rush, there was little crime. Gold was plentiful, as was space. By 1849, however, the rivers and streams were crowded, and the easy gold was mostly gone. Men from around the world, who traveled for half a year in life-threatening conditions to get to California, were bitterly let down. Some killed over claims. And some turned to stealing, which became such a problem that in 1851 the state Legislature passed a bill that allowed the death penalty for stealing property worth more than \$100....”

- The people who made the most money during the California Gold Rush were merchants who sold goods at very inflated prices to ill-prepared miners!





# WARNING!

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person found  
Pilfering, Stealing, Robbing, or committing  
any act of Lawless Violence will be summarily

## HANGED

Vigilance Committee.

“...Many of the miners were young, wild and adventurous. Many an armed miner lost his hard-earned gold dust to professional gamblers in saloons where liquor flowed freely. The result was a steady stream of unpremeditated homicides, most of which arose from personal disputes and occurred in or near drinking establishments. During one period, a killing occurred every weekend for 17 straight weeks in Mokelumne Hill in Amador County, CA.”

- **Vigilantes** took the law into their own hands as a result of the high crime that developed in boom towns throughout California. In certain situations, they would act as police, judge, and sometimes even executioner.

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**Please jot down on your exit ticket:**

**3** reasons people moved west

**2** ways Native American culture was affected

**1** risk involved