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Washington State History

- Oregon Trail Timeline.



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Great Migration

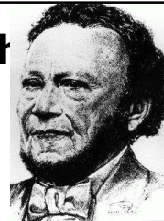
1843

- About 1000 people traveled in a wagon train.
- First large group.
- Beginning of the Oregon Trail.
- Settled south of (present-day) Portland.

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George Washington Bush

1844



- First African-American to settle in (present-day) Washington.
- Discriminatory laws prevented them from settling south of the Columbia River.
- The Bush family settled in south Puget Sound.

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Whitman Massacre

1847

- Whitman Mission attacked by Cayuse Indians after measles epidemic.
- Settlers asked for protection by the army.
- Began a more adversarial relationship between settlers and Indians.

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Oregon Territory

1848

- 1846: Treaty with England, creating (current) border at 49th Parallel.
- 1848: Oregon Territory officially formed.

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California Gold Rush

1848-1855



- Around 300,000 people went west, some of whom settled in Oregon Territory when the gold rush ended.

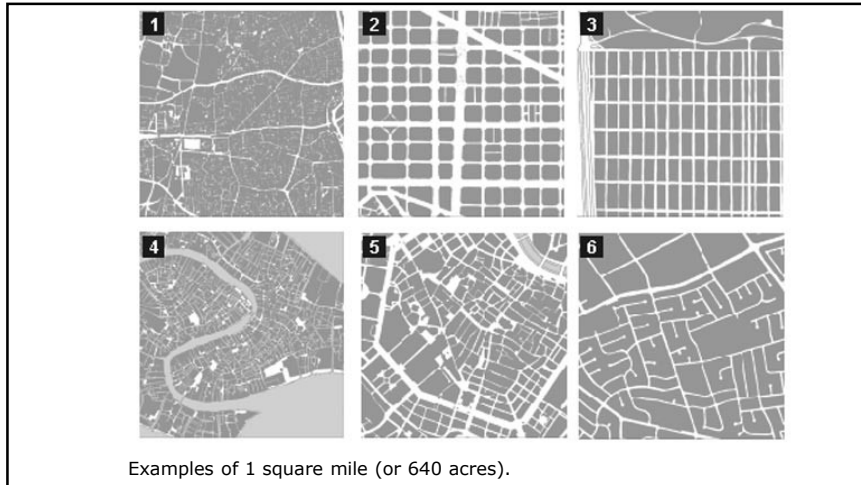
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Donation Land Act

1850

- Free land to Anglo-American settlers.
- 640 acres to couples;
320 acres to single men.
- Intended to encourage settlement of Oregon Territory.

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Washington Territory

1853

- Washington became a separate territory from Oregon.
- Originally planned to be called "Columbia Territory", it was changed to be named after the 1st president.

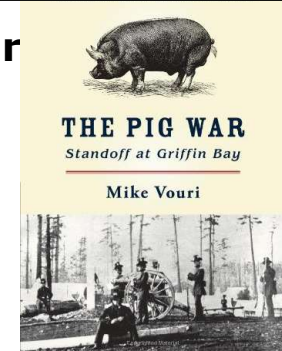
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The Pig War

1859



- American farmer shoots British pig.
- Almost leads to war.
- One last border dispute.

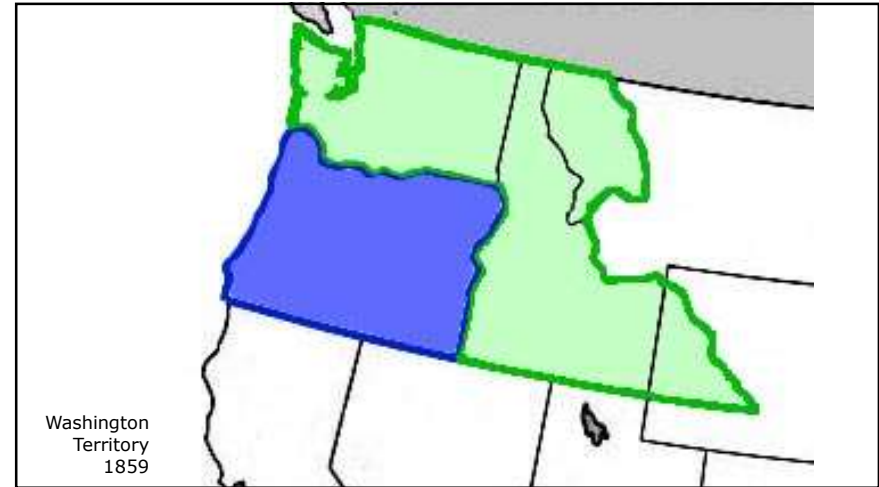
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Oregon Statehood

1859

- Oregon became a state.
- Washington territory grows.

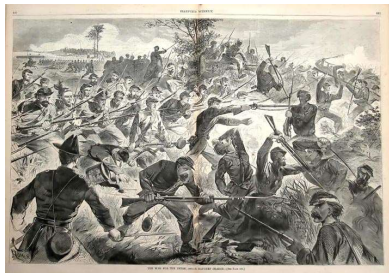
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Civil War

1861-1865



- Confederate States attempt to secede.

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Homestead Act

1862

- Similar to Donation Land Act.
- Granted 160 acres free land.
- Single women and free African-Americans were technically eligible, though few made successful claims.

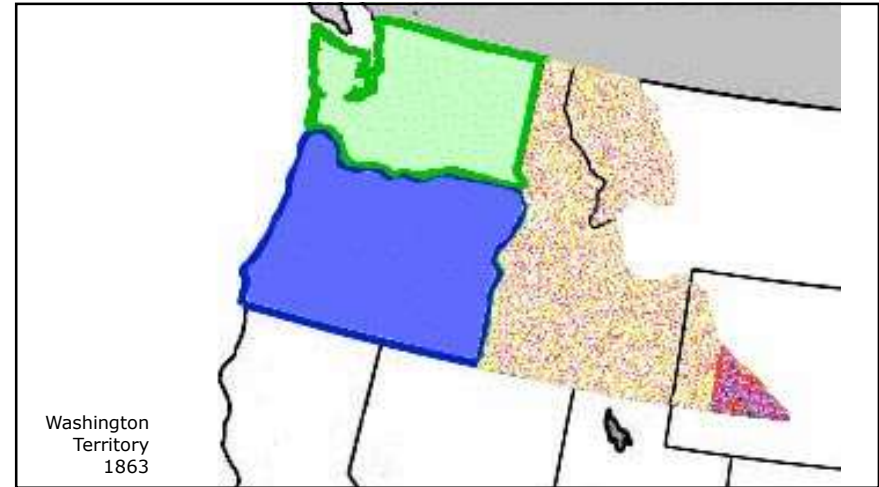
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Idaho Territory

1863

- Idaho Territory was formed, splitting off from Washington Territory.
- Borders drawn as we currently know them.

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Transcontinental Railroad

1869

- *Transcontinental*: from one side of the continent to the other.
- Completed to San Francisco in 1869.
- Dramatically reduced time and expense of migrating west.
- Effectively ended the Oregon Trail.

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