

## Oregon Country

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- Treaty of 1818.
- Jointly *occupied* by both the U.S. and England.
- Not claimed outright by either country.
- Stretched from present-day Alaska to California, from the Pacific to the Rocky Mountains.

## Oregon Territory

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- Treaty of 1846 created border at 49<sup>th</sup> parallel.
- Oregon became an official territory in 1848.
- Territorial government formed.
- Stretched from 49<sup>th</sup> parallel to California, and from the Pacific to the Rocky Mountains.



## Washington Territory

1853

- Settlers north of the Columbia River petitioned congress to split Oregon Territory.
- 1853: New Washington Territory formed.



## Washington Territory Grows

1859

- Oregon became a state in 1859.
- Eastern part of former Oregon Territory was added to Washington Territory.



## Washington Territory Shrinks

*1863*

- Eastern part of Washington Territory was split off to become Idaho Territory in 1863.
- Washington Territory shrank to its present borders.



## Washington Statehood

*1889*

- Washington became the 42<sup>nd</sup> state in 1889.
- State government formed.
- State constitution created.

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*Washington State History*

- *What is the difference between a Territory and a State?*

**Territory**

- Land owned by the U.S., not yet a state.
- Limited self-government, directly overseen by Federal Government.
- Governor appointed by the President, *not* elected by citizens.
- Advisory-only representation in federal government. No voting role.

**Requirements for  
Statehood**

- Needed at least 60,000 citizens.
- (unwritten) Pacification of Indians.
- Create a state constitution.
- Get approval by congress and president.

**State**

- Self governed.
- Has a state constitution.
- Governor elected by citizens.
- Represented in federal government (Senate and House of Representatives).
- Participates in presidential elections.