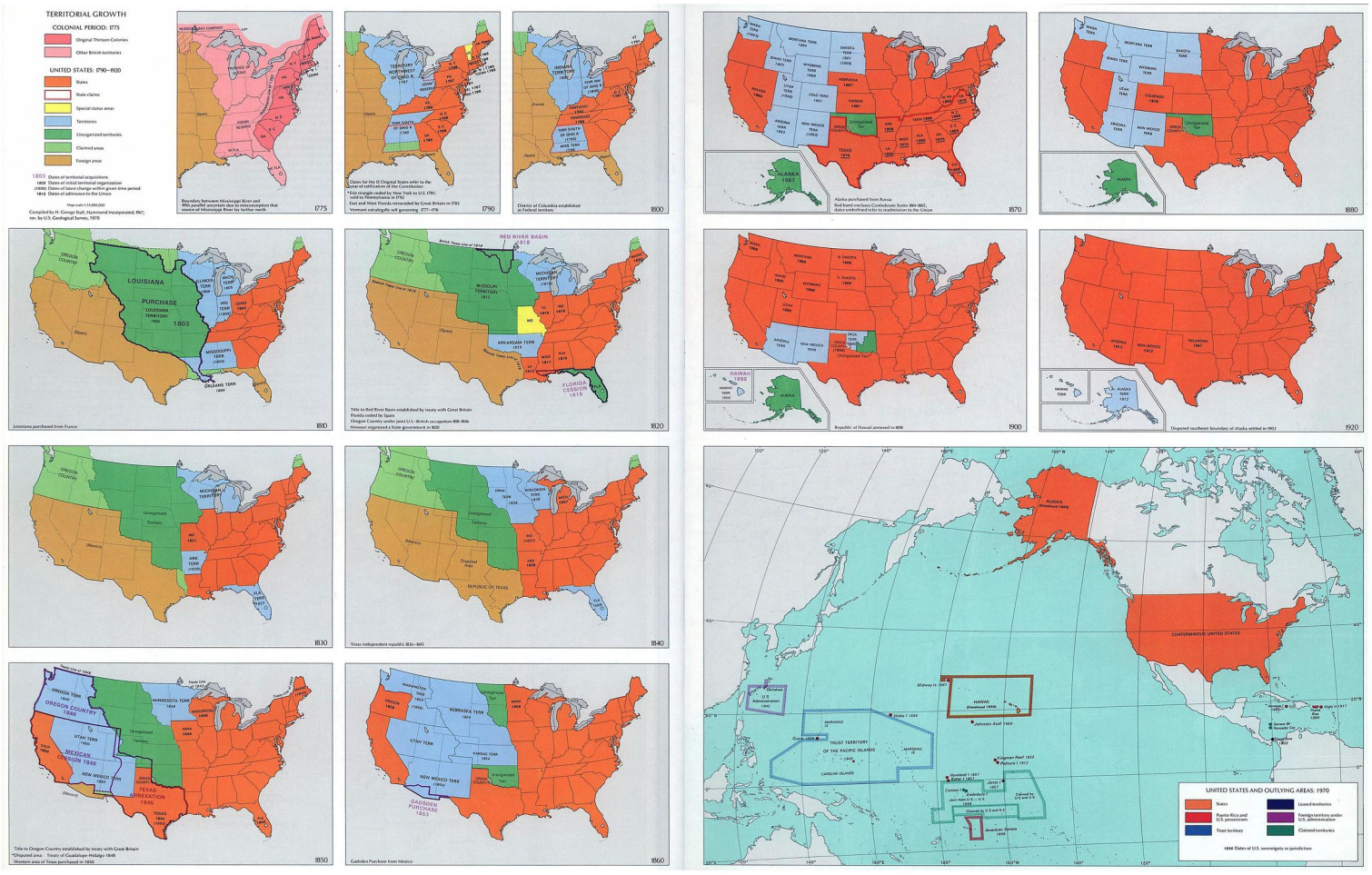
TERRITORIAL GROWTH
COLONIAL PERIOD: 1775
Original Thirteen Colonies
Other British territories
UNITED STATES: 1790–1920
States
State claims
Special status areas
Territories
Unorganized territories
Claimed areas
Foreign areas
1803 Dates of territorial acquisitions
1800 Dates of initial territorial organization
(1820) Dates of latest change within given time period
1812 Dates of admission to the Union
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Boundary between Mississippi River and 49th parallel uncertain due to misconception that source of Mississippi River lay farther north
1775
Dates for the 13 Original States refer to the dates of ratification of the Constitution
*Eric triangle ceded by New York to U.S. (1781); sold to Pennsylvania in 1792
East and West Florida retroceded by Great Britain in 1783
Vermont extralegally self governing 1777–1791
1790
District of Columbia established as Federal territory
1800
Alaska purchased from Russia
Red bend encloses Contiguous States 1861–1865; dates undefined refer to readmission to the Union
1870
1880
Louisiana purchased from France
1810
Title to Red River Basin established by treaty with Great Britain
Florida ceded by Spain
Oregon Country under joint U.S.–British occupation 1818–1846
Missouri organized a State government in 1820
1820
Republic of Hawaii annexed in 1898
1900
Disputed southeast boundary of Alaska settled in 1903
1920
Texas independent republic 1836–1845
1840
Title to Oregon Country established by treaty with Great Britain
*Disputed area: Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo 1848
Western area of Texas purchased in 1850
1850
Gadsden Purchase from Mexico
1860
UNITED STATES AND OUTLYING AREAS: 1970
States
Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions
Trust territory
Leased territories
Foreign territory under U.S. administration
Claimed territories
1888 Dates of U.S. sovereignty or jurisdiction