

Geology

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.[a] 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:9 9 Then God said, “Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear.” And that is what happened. 10 God called the dry ground “land” and the waters “seas.”

Continental Drift but starting with Pangaea, a supercontinent. See the 29 second video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJ75CnbK5zA> going back to around 200 million years ago.

North America as it is now: <https://www.mapsofworld.com/north-america/>

Rocky Mountains on the west. Appalachian Mountains on the east. Mississippi River in the middle. Ohio River. Missouri River. 5 Great Lakes. Regions: West Coast, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, Great Plains, Midwest, Great Lakes, Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South, Desert Southwest, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico.

Alaska: Earthquakes, volcanoes, wild animals, oil, gold, fishing, glacier bay. Bought from Russia. Has the highest mountain in North America: Denali/Mt. McKinley at 6190m.

Hawaii: All the islands came from volcanoes.

California: Famous for earthquakes. 1906 San Francisco earthquake killed an estimated 3000 people. Fires (mostly from broken gas mains) destroyed 28,000 buildings. The whole area came from Spain/Mexico (San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Jose, La Jolla). Did you ever see the Zorro TV series?

Pacific Northwest includes the states of Washington and Oregon. Big cities: Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon. Highest mountain in the “lower 48” is Mt. Rainier, 4392m, a volcano. Some modest earthquakes but there have been magnitude 9 quakes in the past. Many volcanoes. Mt. St. Helens erupted in 1980 and killed 57 people. See the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYla6q3is6w>

In Wyoming, there is Yellowstone National Park. It’s a supervolcano. It last erupted around 640,000 years ago. If it erupted today it would pretty much destroy the US with volcanic ash and the dust would cause the world’s temperature to drop quite a lot, causing freezing temperatures and crop failures.

The New Madrid fault in Missouri, is a place where North America started to split. Magnitude 7-8 earthquakes in 1811 and 1812. The Mississippi River ran backwards for a few days.

History

The 13 colonies are east of the Appalachian Mountains. US extended west to the Mississippi River but the mountains made moving west difficult.

Louisiana Purchase from France in 1803.

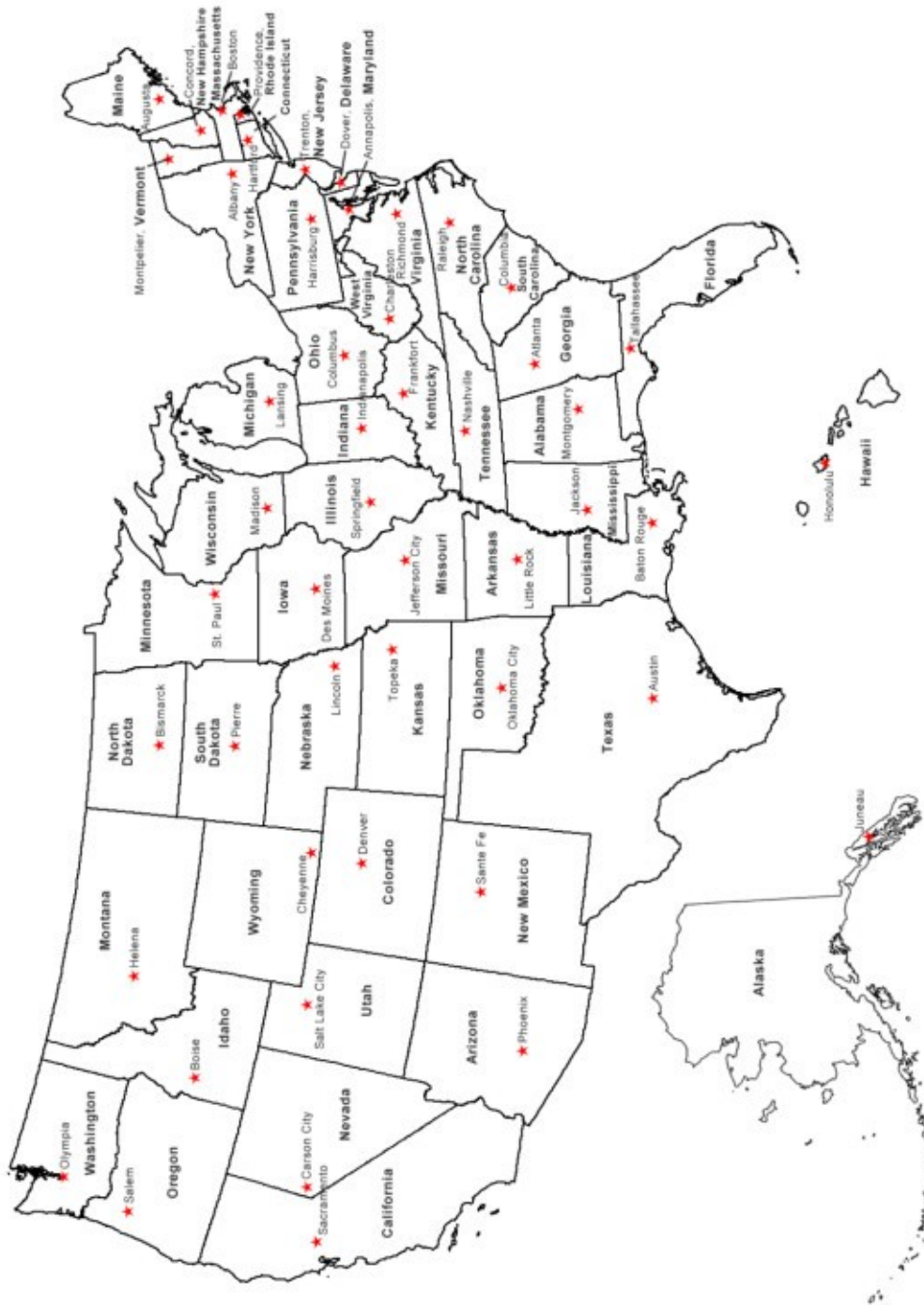
Texas 1843 (Remember the Alamo?, Did you see the movie?).

Mexicans gave up California and the desert Southwest in 1848 (one year before they found gold).

Pacific Northwest (I don't have a exact date).

Alaska 1867, bought from Russia. (Gold was discovered in 1896).

Spanish-American war in 1898, the US freed Cuba, captured the Philippines, got Puerto Rico, Guam. Took over Hawaii 1893-1898.



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