THE GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES

The goal of the lesson is to provide students with a basic understanding of the physical expansion of the United States during its first decades. Specifically, which states entered the country at what point and which had slaves and which did not? It is also important that students be able to identify those states that seceded from the Union at the start of the Civil War.

**Common Core Curriculum Standards**

Mathematics: Measurement and Data: Grades 3-5

Represent and Interpret Data

English Language Arts: Reading: Integration of Ideas and Information, Grades 2-4

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**National Geography Standards**

*Standard 1*: How to Use Maps and Other Geographic Representations, Tools, and Technologies to Acquire, Process, and Report Information From a Spatial Perspective

*Standard 17*: How to Apply Geography to Interpret the Past

**Procedure**

1. Provide students with the outline map of the United States and the list of dates of entrance to the Union. Students may do this work independently or as a group.
2. Provide students will Student Sheet and have them complete Part I, either in class or for homework. Have them share their maps.
3. If you are teaching slavery to your students, you may want to complete Lessons 3 and 4 in this Curriculum Guide prior to completing Part II of this lesson. Provide Students with the List of Slave States and List of Order of Secession from the Union Sheets and have them complete Part II.

4. Discuss their results.

**Time Allocation:** Part I: 20 Minutes Part II: 10-15 minutes

**Materials Needed**

5 Colored markers

Outline Map of United States with States unlabeled

[List of States by dates of entry to the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood)

[Map of slave States, 1860](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File%3AUS_SlaveFree1861.gif)

[Order of States' secession from the Union](http://americanhistory.about.com/od/civilwarmenu/a/secession_order.htm)

**Assessment Criteria**

Did students ‘compile’ a map of US according to the date states entered the union?

Did students color outline sections based on historic periods, e.g. the Original 13 colonies, before the Civil War, after the Civil War?

Did students identify the states that had slaves and of those, the ones that seceded in the Civil War?

**Enrichment Activities**

1. Have students look at a different model of the nation’s growth, [Uncle Sam’s Family Tree.](http://maps.bpl.org/details_12971/?srch_query=uncle+sam%27s+family+tree&srch_fields=all&srch_style=exact&srch_fa=save)

<http://maps.bpl.org/details_12971>

Have them complete their own family history or a class history using this type of image.

1. Have students show the growth of the country on a timeline, including important events such as the Civil War

Our country has grown in size since it began over 235 years ago. And for a few years in the 1860s, it looked like it might break apart! In this lesson, you will learn how the country grew.

**Part I**

1. Using the Outline Map and list your teacher gives you, fill in each state and note the date it became part of the country.
2. Outline the original 13 colonies in one color.
3. Outline all of those states that were part of the country before the Civil War, 1861, in another color.
4. Outline all of those states that joined the country after the Civil War in a third color

**Part II**

1. 15 States had slaves. Use the information your teacher gives you to mark those states that had slaves before 1861.
2. 11 states that had slaves left the country in 1860 and 1861. Use a fifth marker and color in those states.
3. Where are the four slave states that stayed part of the country? Why do you think they didn’t leave?

***Outline map of the United States***



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| 1 | Delaware | [Delaware](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware) | December 7, 1787[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Lower Counties on Delaware](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Colony), then [sovereign](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sovereignty) [state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._state) in [Confederation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Articles_of_Confederation) |
| 2 | Pennsylvania | [Pennsylvania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania) | December 12, 1787[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of Pennsylvania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_Pennsylvania), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 3 | New Jersey | [New Jersey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey) | December 18, 1787[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of New Jersey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_Jersey), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 4 | Georgia (U.S. state) | [Georgia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgia_%28U.S._state%29) | January 2, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of Georgia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_Georgia), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 5 | Connecticut | [Connecticut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connecticut) | January 9, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Connecticut Colony](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connecticut_Colony), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 6 | Massachusetts | [Massachusetts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts) | February 6, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of Massachusetts Bay](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_Massachusetts_Bay), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 7 | Maryland | [Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maryland) | April 28, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_Maryland), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 8 | South Carolina | [South Carolina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Carolina) | May 23, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of South Carolina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_South_Carolina), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 9 | New Hampshire | [New Hampshire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Hampshire) | June 21, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of New Hampshire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_Hampshire), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 10 | Virginia | [Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia) | June 25, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Virginia Colony](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_Colony), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 11 | New York | [New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York) | July 26, 1788[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_York), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 12 | North Carolina | [North Carolina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Carolina) | November 21, 1789[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Province of North Carolina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_North_Carolina), then sovereign state in Confederation |
| 13 | Rhode Island | [Rhode Island](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhode_Island) | May 29, 1790[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Orig-1) | [Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colony_of_Rhode_Island_and_Providence_Plantations), then sovereign state |
| 14 | Vermont | [Vermont](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vermont) | March 4, 1791 | [Province of New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_York) and [New Hampshire Grants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Hampshire_Grants) (ownership disputed), [Vermont Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vermont_Republic) |
| 15 | Kentucky | [Kentucky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kentucky) | June 1, 1792 | Split off from [Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia) with that state's consent. The former huge [Kentucky County](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kentucky_County) |
| 16 | Tennessee | [Tennessee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tennessee) | June 1, 1796 | Formed from western land donated to the U.S. by [North Carolina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Carolina) |
| 17 | Ohio | [Ohio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio) | March 1, 1803[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Ohio-0) | The [Northwest Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Territory), land donated to the U.S. by East Coast states such as Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New York |
| 18 | Louisiana | [Louisiana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louisiana) | April 30, 1812 | [Territory of Orleans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Territory_of_Orleans) |
| 19 | Indiana | [Indiana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indiana) | December 11, 1816 | [Indiana Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indiana_Territory), formed from the [Northwest Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Territory) |
| 20 | Mississippi | [Mississippi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mississippi) | December 10, 1817 | [Mississippi Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mississippi_Territory), formed from land donated to the U.S. by Georgia |

***List of States by dates of entry to the United States***

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| 21 | Illinois | [Illinois](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illinois) | December 3, 1818 | [Illinois Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illinois_Territory), formed from the [Northwest Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Territory) |
| 22 | Alabama | [Alabama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alabama) | December 14, 1819 | [Alabama Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alabama_Territory), formed from [Mississippi Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mississippi_Territory) |
| 23 | Maine | [Maine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maine) | March 19, 1820 | Split off from [Massachusetts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts) with that state's consent (the former [District of Maine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/District_of_Maine)) |
| 24 | Missouri | [Missouri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Missouri) | August 10, 1821 | [Missouri Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Missouri_Territory) |
| 25 | Arkansas | [Arkansas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arkansas) | June 15, 1836 | [Arkansas Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arkansas_Territory) |
| 26 | Michigan | [Michigan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan) | January 26, 1837 | [Michigan Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_Territory), formed from the [Northwest Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Territory) |
| 27 | Florida | [Florida](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida) | March 3, 1845 | [Florida Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida_Territory) |
| 28 | Texas | [Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas) | December 29, 1845 | [Republic of Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Texas) |
| 29 | Iowa | [Iowa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iowa) | December 28, 1846 | [Iowa Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iowa_Territory) |
| 30 | Wisconsin | [Wisconsin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin) | May 29, 1848 | [Wisconsin Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Territory), formed from the [Northwest Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Territory) |
| 31 | California | [California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California) | September 9, 1850 | Directly admitted from [Mexican Cession](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_Cession) |
| 32 | Minnesota | [Minnesota](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota) | May 11, 1858 | [Minnesota Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Territory) |
| 33 | Oregon | [Oregon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oregon) | February 14, 1859 | [Oregon Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oregon_Territory) |
| 34 | Kansas | [Kansas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas) | January 29, 1861 | [Kansas Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_Territory) |
| 35 | West Virginia | [West Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Virginia) | June 20, 1863 | Divided off from [Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia) with the questionable consent of that state |
| 36 | Nevada | [Nevada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevada) | October 31, 1864 | [Nevada Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevada_Territory), with part of [Arizona Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Territory) added on later |
| 37 | Nebraska | [Nebraska](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska) | March 1, 1867 | [Nebraska Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Territory) |
| 38 | Colorado | [Colorado](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado) | August 1, 1876 | [Colorado Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Territory) |
| 39[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Dakota-2) | North Dakota | [North Dakota](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Dakota) | November 2, 1889 | [Dakota Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakota_Territory) |
| 40[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_statehood#cite_note-Dakota-2) | South Dakota | [South Dakota](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Dakota) | November 2, 1889 | [Dakota Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakota_Territory) |
| 41 | Montana | [Montana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montana) | November 8, 1889 | [Montana Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montana_Territory) |
| 42 | Washington (state) | [Washington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_%28state%29) | November 11, 1889 | [Washington Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Territory) |
| 43 | Idaho | [Idaho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idaho) | July 3, 1890 | [Idaho Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idaho_Territory) |
| 44 | Wyoming | [Wyoming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wyoming) | July 10, 1890 | [Wyoming Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wyoming_Territory) |
| 45 | Utah | [Utah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utah) | January 4, 1896 | [Utah Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utah_Territory) |
| 46 | Oklahoma | [Oklahoma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oklahoma) | November 16, 1907 | [Oklahoma Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oklahoma_Territory) and [Indian Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Territory) |

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| 47 | New Mexico | [New Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Mexico) | January 6, 1912 | [New Mexico Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Mexico_Territory) |
| 48 | Arizona | [Arizona](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona) | February 14, 1912 | [Arizona Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Territory) |
| 49 | Alaska | [Alaska](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaska) | January 3, 1959 | [Russian America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_America), [Department of Alaska](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department_of_Alaska), [District of Alaska](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/District_of_Alaska) and then [Alaska Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaska_Territory) |
| 50 | Hawaii | [Hawaii](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii) | August 21, 1959 | [Kingdom of Hawaiʻi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Hawaii), [Republic of Hawaiʻi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Hawaii) and then [Hawaiʻi Territory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Territory_of_Hawaii) |

***Map of slave States, 1860***

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***Order of States’ secession from the Union***

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| **State** | **Date of Secession** |
| South Carolina | December 20, 1860 |
| Mississippi | January 9, 1861 |
| Florida | January 10, 1861 |
| Alabama | January 11, 1861 |
| Georgia | January 19, 1861 |
| Louisiana | January 26, 1861 |
| Texas | February 1, 1861 |
| Virginia | April 17, 1861 |
| Arkansas | May 6, 1861 |
| North Carolina | May 20, 1861 |
| Tennessee | June 8, 1861 |