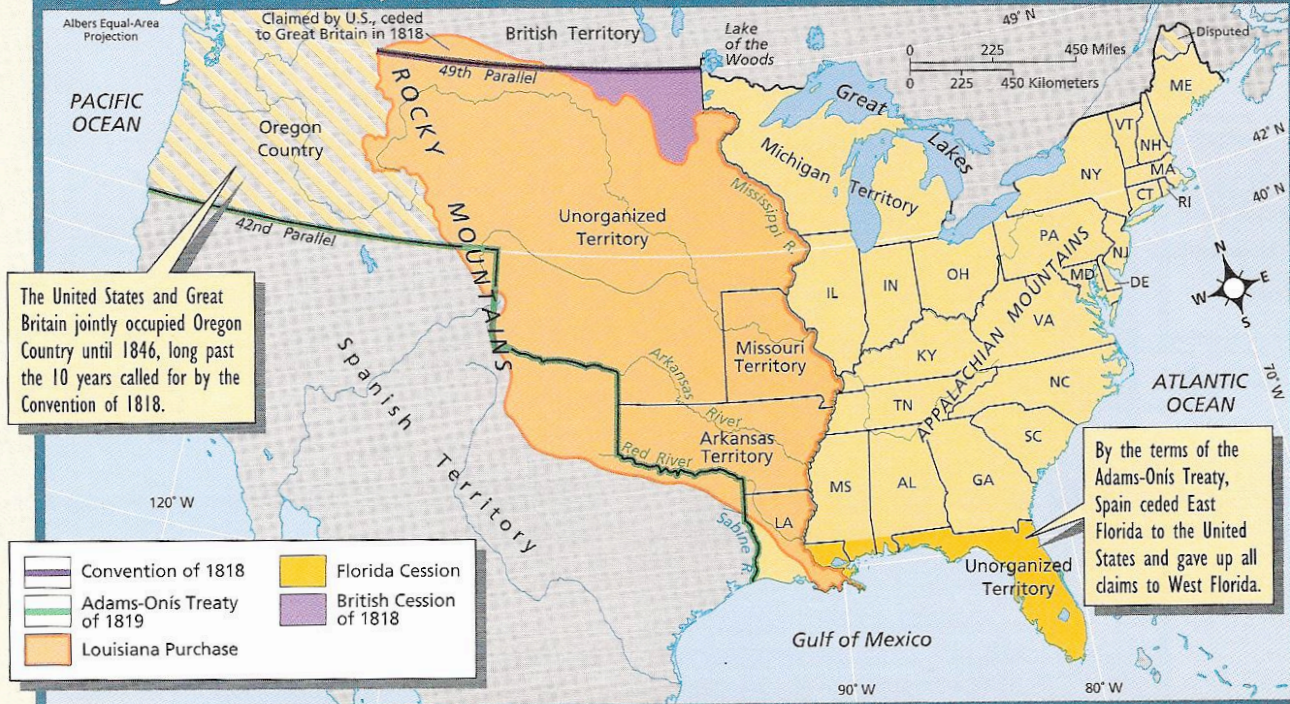
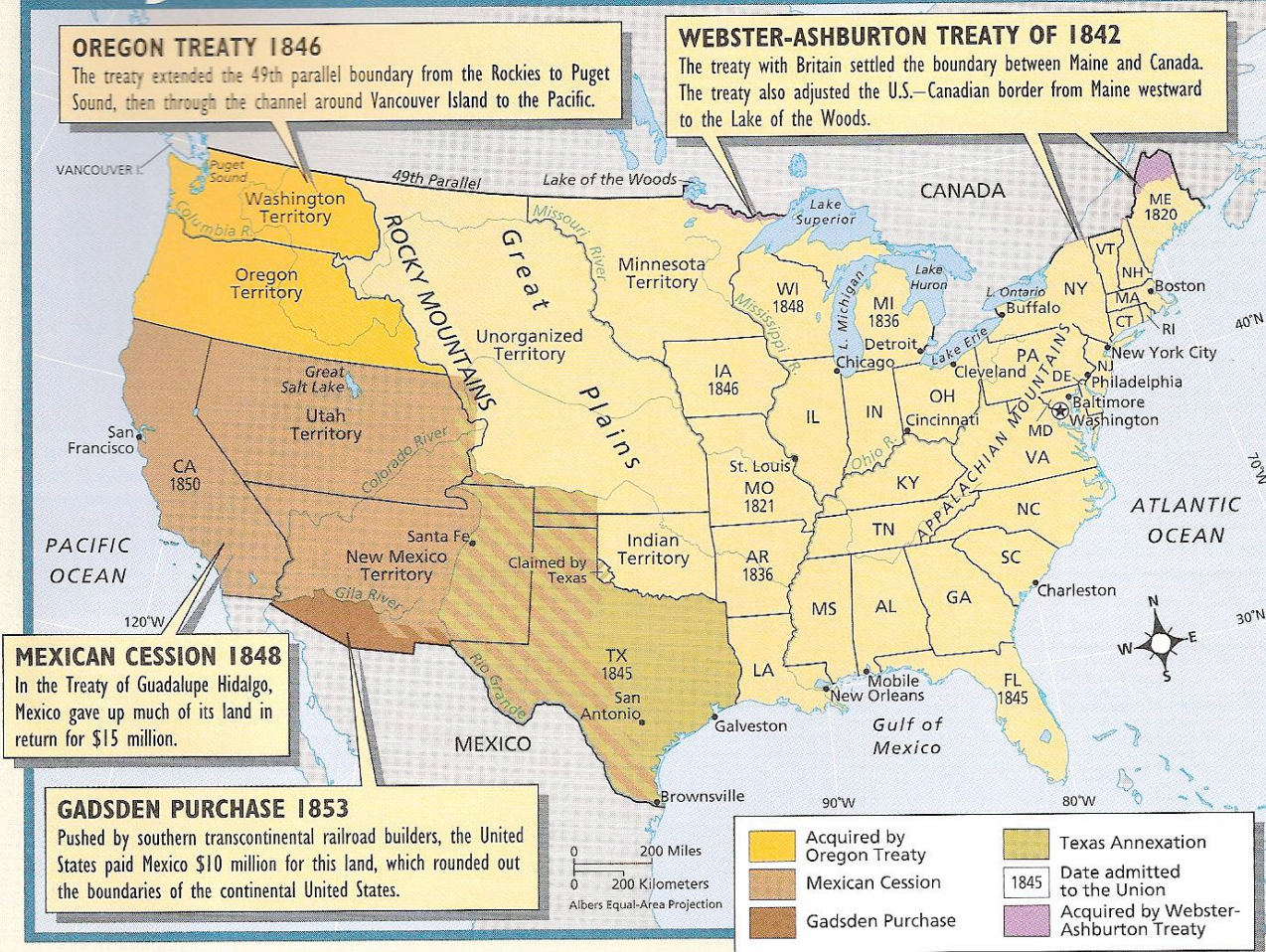


## U.S. Boundaries, 1820



## U.S. Boundaries, 1853



**Directions: Answer the following questions based on your interpretation of the maps on the back of this page (write your responses in complete sentences):**

1. In your estimation, how much larger did the United States become by 1853 than it was in 1820?
2. Why do you think people in the United States were worried about the British to the north and the Mexicans to the south?
3. What years did James Polk serve as United States president? Based on the map of the U.S. in 1853, what can you say about Polk's presidency?
4. Why do you think California became a state earlier than states in the Great Plains, which are closer to the east coast (see bottom map)?
5. In 1803 the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France for \$15 million. In 1848, the U.S. bought the Mexican Cession for the same price. What do these purchases have in common? In what ways are they different?
6. What problems might have arisen for the United States in the southwest with the land gained in the Mexican Cession and Gadsden Purchase?