

Manifest destiny

To what extent can Manifest destiny be considered a determinism to contemporary American identity ?

Layout:

Introduction

- 19th century
- US exceptionalism
- Extension of the use of Manifest destiny by the US nowadays

I. An anthropological approach to manifest destiny

A. The creation of a real identity for the US population

- Identity created to gather around a same Nation and religion
- Unification after an expansion towards North and West -> eased by the creation of a railroad

B. The blind side of the indigenous massacre

- Ethnocide made through simple acts of conversion, acts of war and of ethnic purification (deportation, land spoliation, boarding schools ...)
- Ancient doctrine of tolerance was abandoned in favor of ethnocide

II. A political approach to manifest destiny

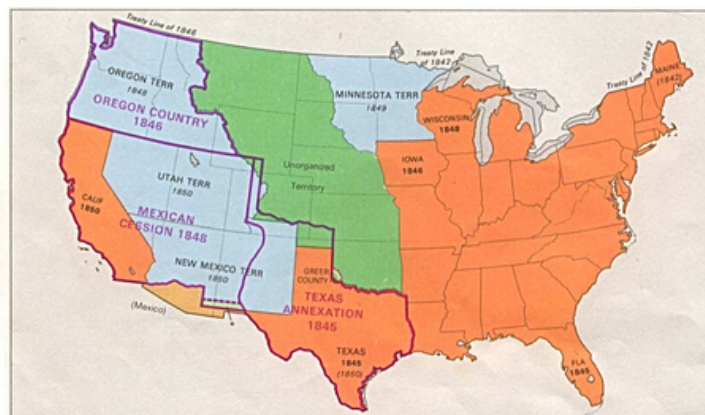
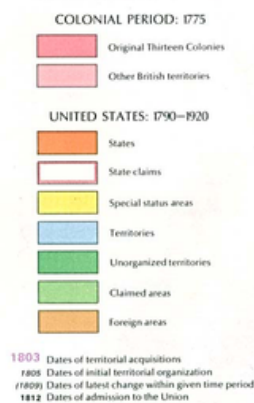
A. The rising of American imperialism

- 1st developer of democracy in its modern form
- Looking for being the world's first power
- Main attraction for control -> shown through conflicts of the 20th century (Cold War, war in Iraq...)

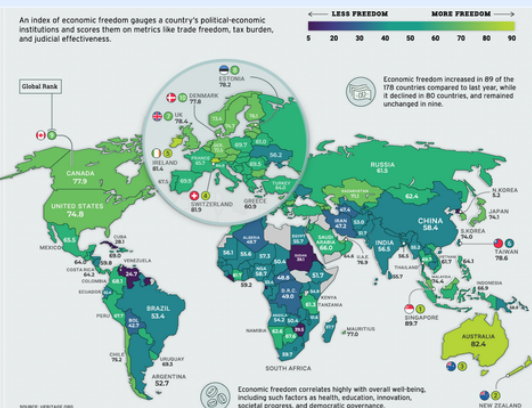
B. The endorsement of a republic founded by God

- Manifest Destiny layed on God's will
- Protestantism & calvinism

Overview of the territory claim



Economic systems around the world



American Indian boarding school



Little Bighorn battle

