

# Manifest Destiny

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manifest: clear or obvious

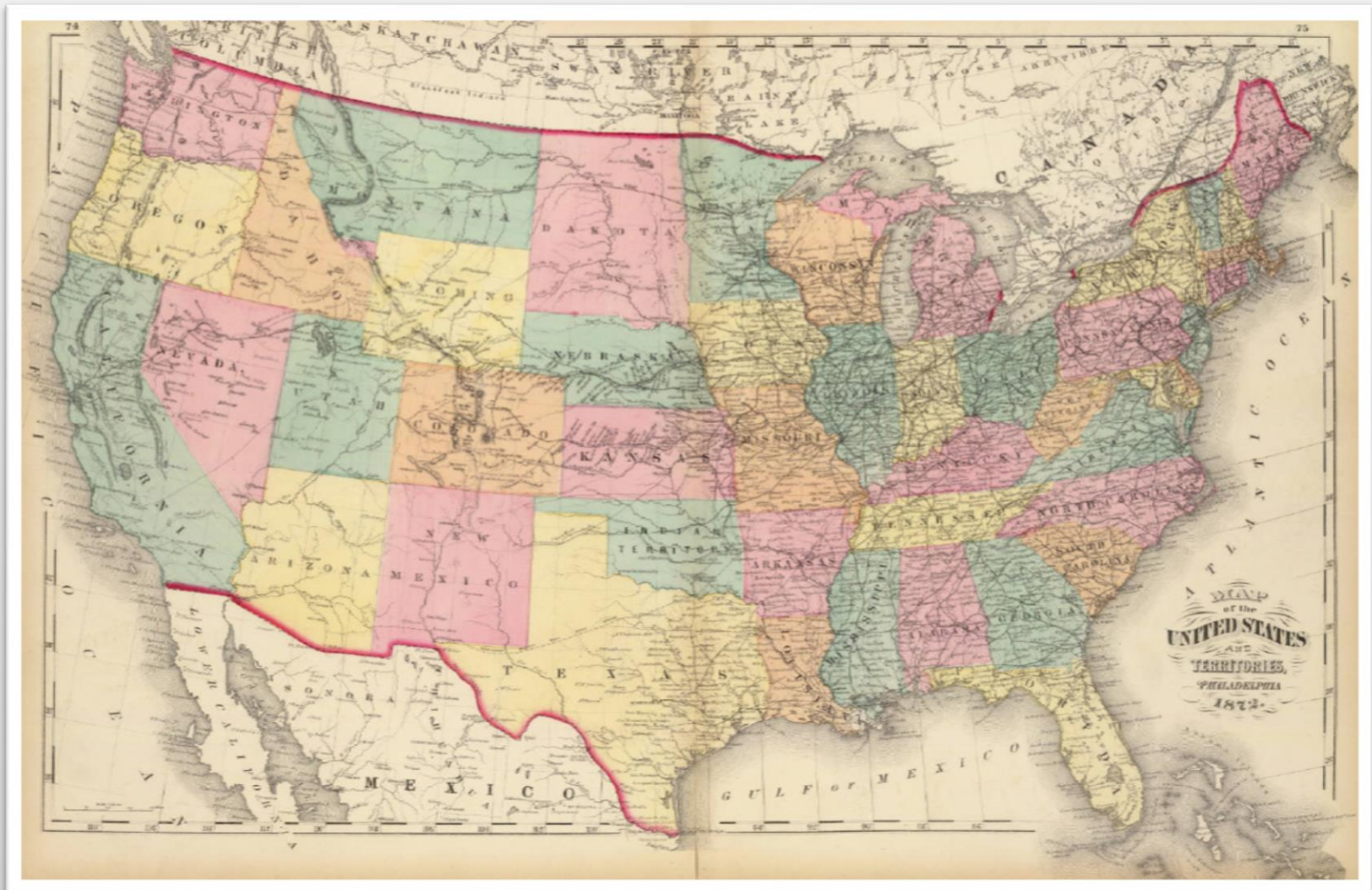
destiny: future or fate

# John Gast, American Progress, 1872

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# Map of the United States, 1872

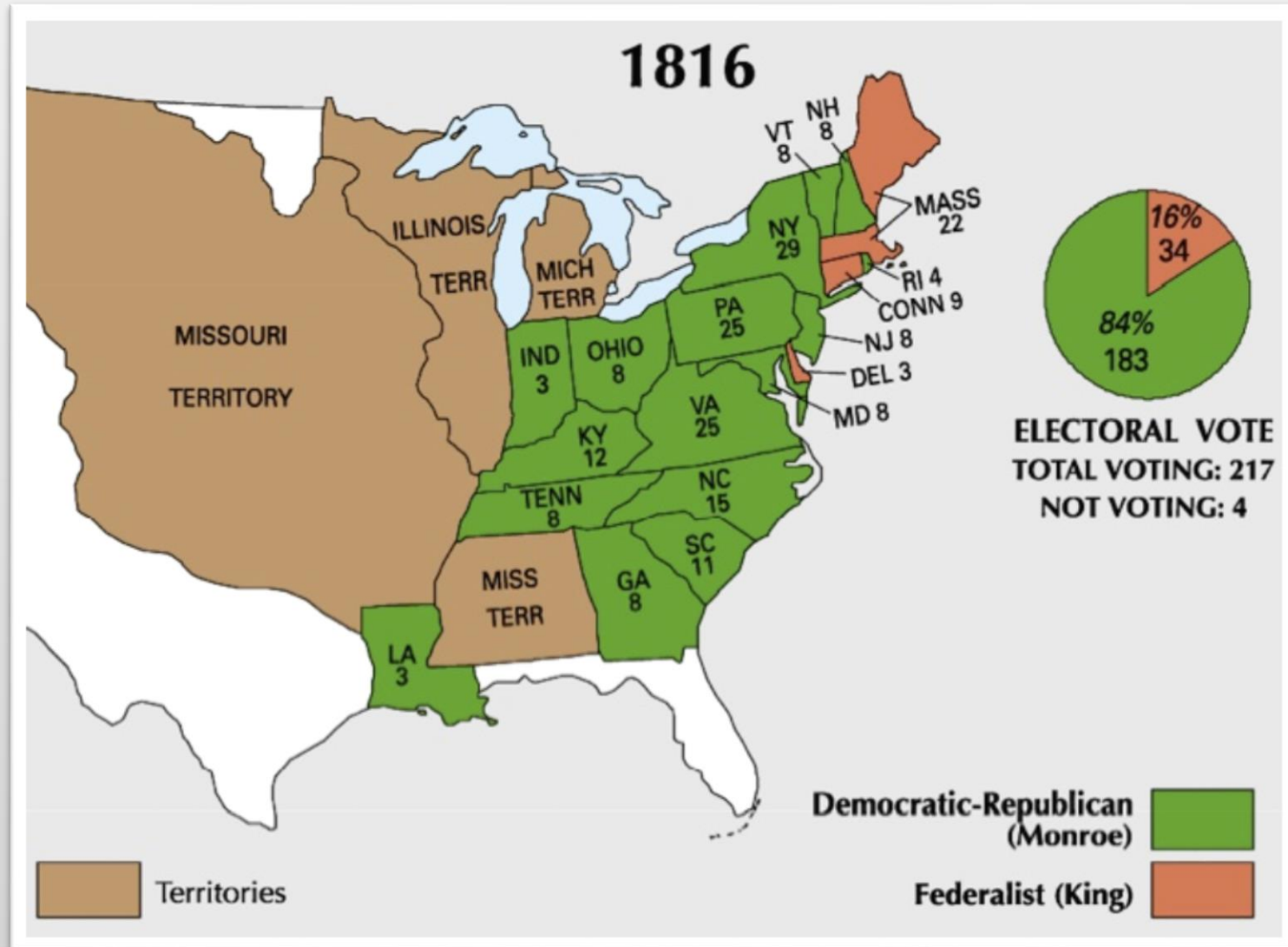


## Map of the United States in 1872

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- By 1872 the United States had already expanded to the Pacific Ocean.
- This is after the Louisiana Purchase, after the War with Mexico.
- So this painting is basically celebrating what has ***already*** happened.

# Contemporary Map of the 1816 United States



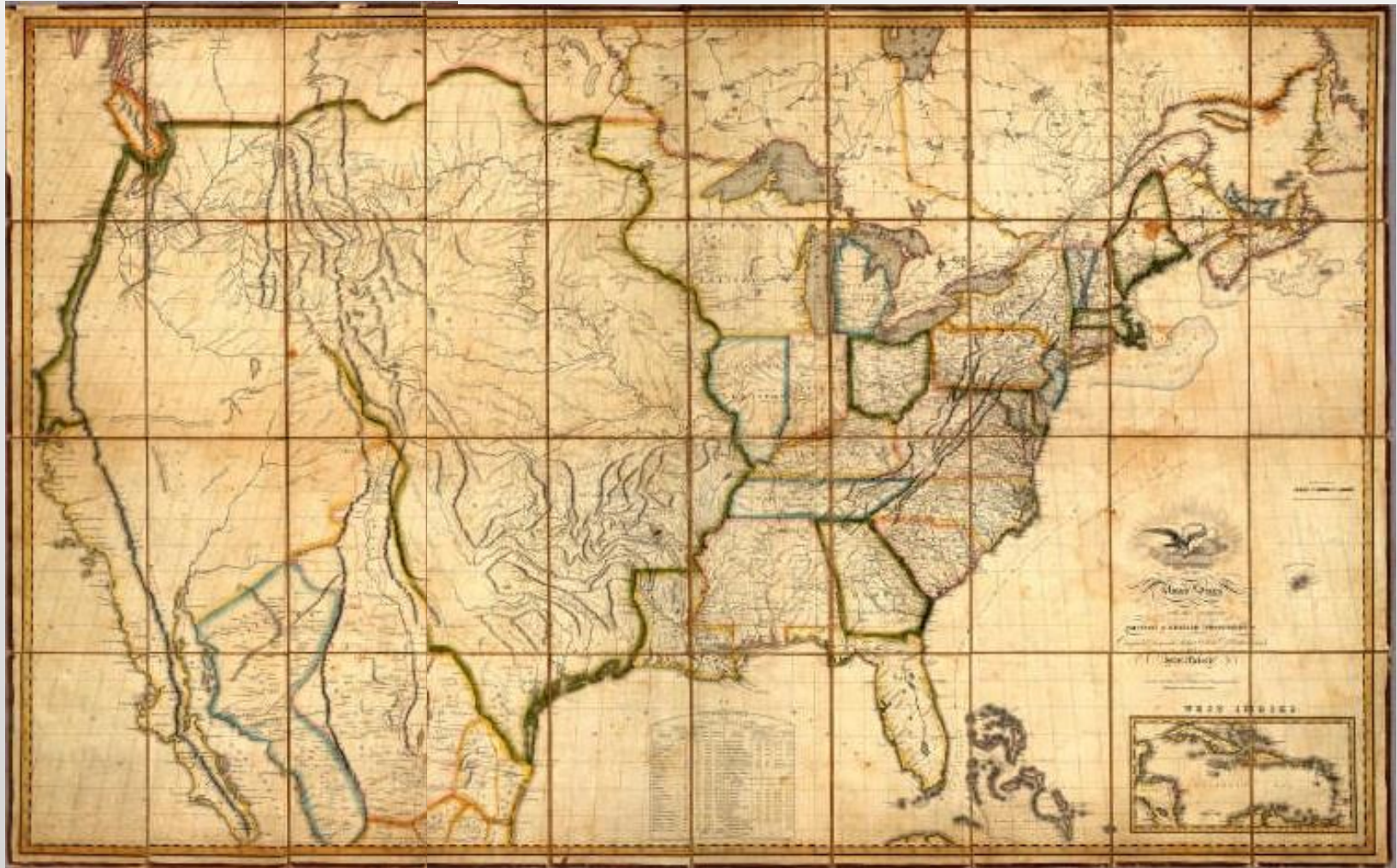
## Map of the U.S. in 1816

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- But in 1816 we hadn't spread that far yet
- This is before the annexation of Texas and before the Mexican War

# John Melish, Map of the U.S. with the contiguous British and Spanish Possessions, 1816

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# Melish's comments on his 1816 map of the United States

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*To present the country this way was desirable . . . The map shows at a glance the whole extent of the United States territory from sea to sea.*

*In tracing the probable expansion of the human race from east to west, the mind finds an agreeable resting place on its western limits. The view is complete and leaves nothing to be wished for. It also adds to the beauty and symmetry of the map.*