

American Literature

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- What is 'Literature'?
- Where, when, what is 'American'?

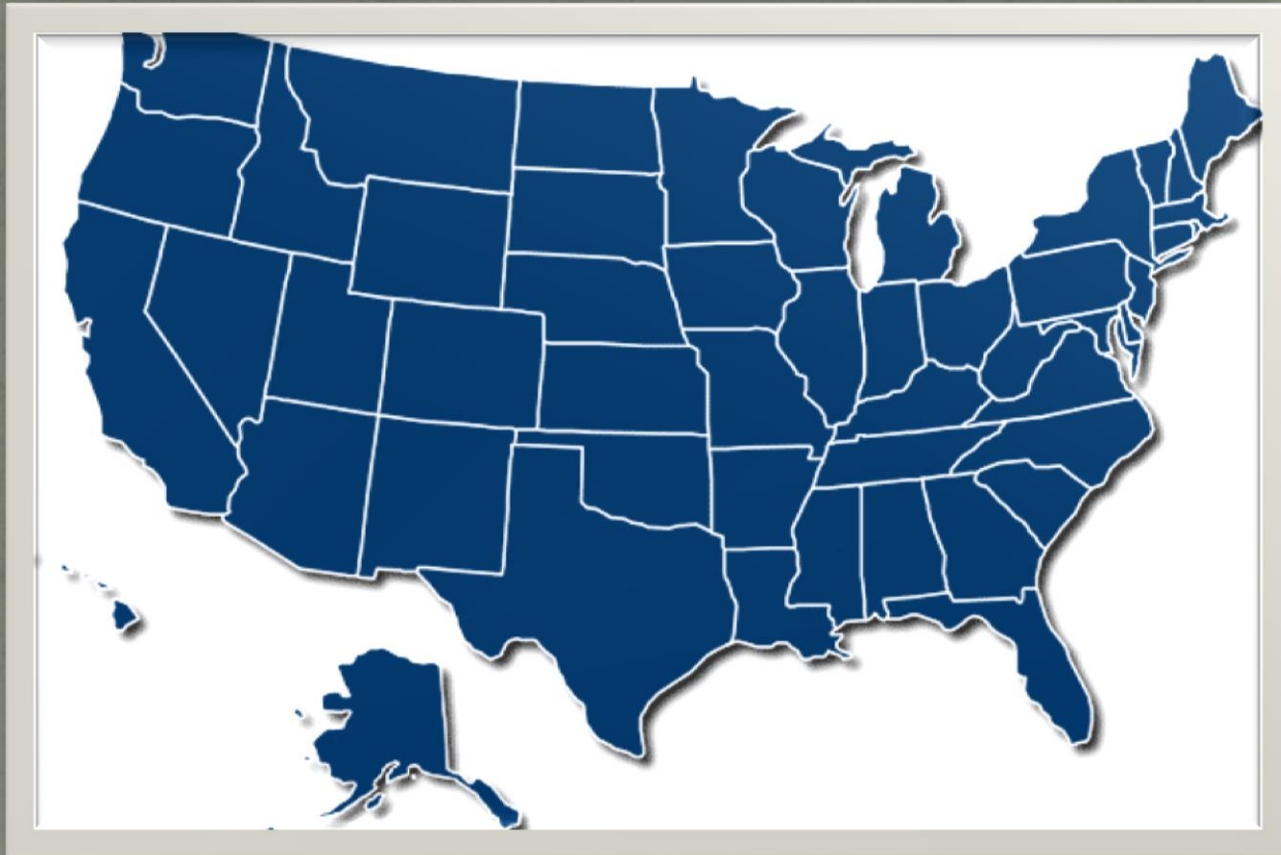
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- Is Literature a only traditional genre?
 - Poetry
 - Novel
 - Short Story
 - Drama (play)
 - Essay
- Can it be other things?
 - Oral stories
 - History
 - Theology
 - Mythology
 - Song Lyrics

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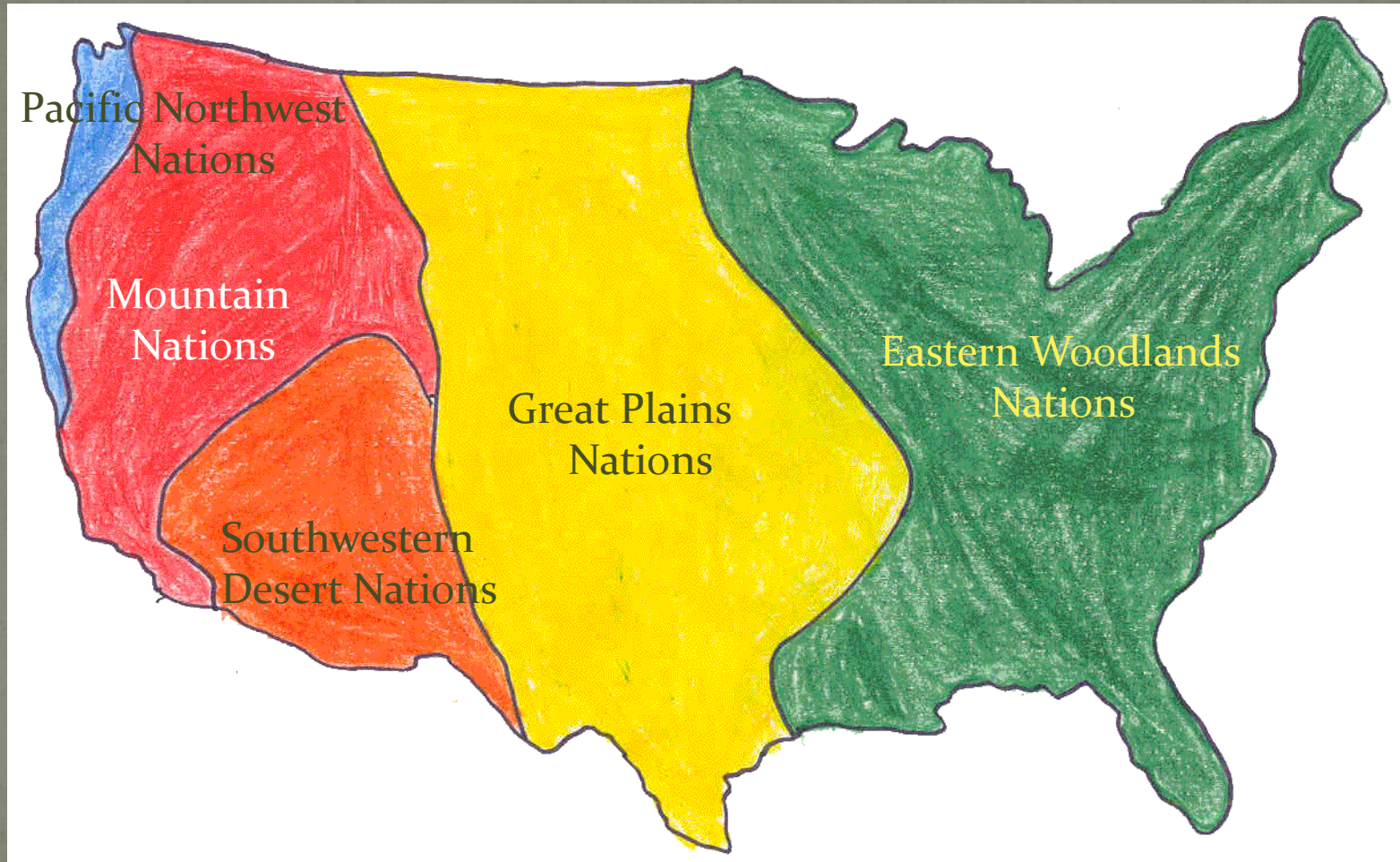
- What language or languages is 'American'?
 - 500 Native American Indian languages
 - Spanish
 - Portuguese
 - English
 - French
 - Hawaiian
 - Samoan
 - Inuit
 - Guamanian

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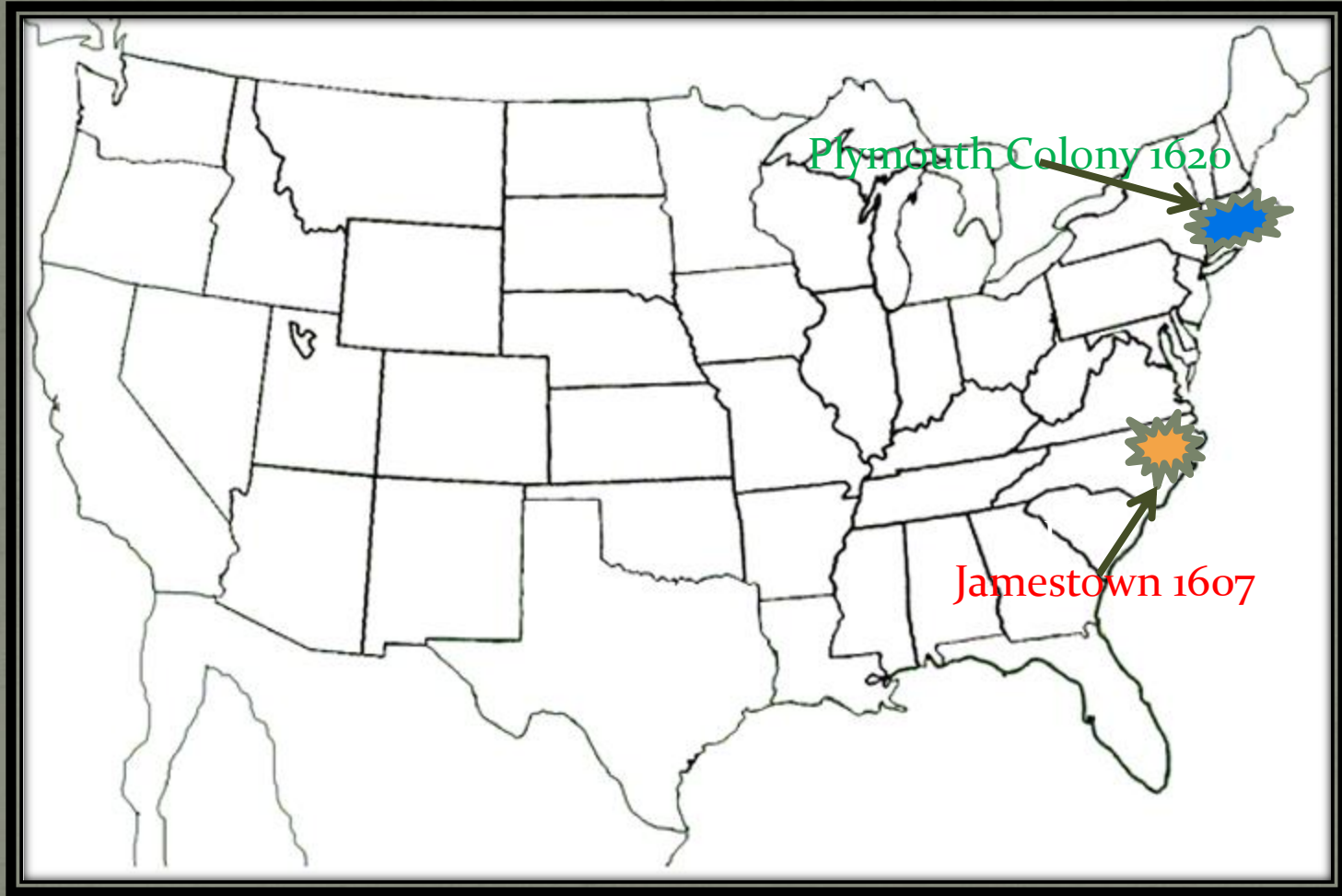
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British America 1621

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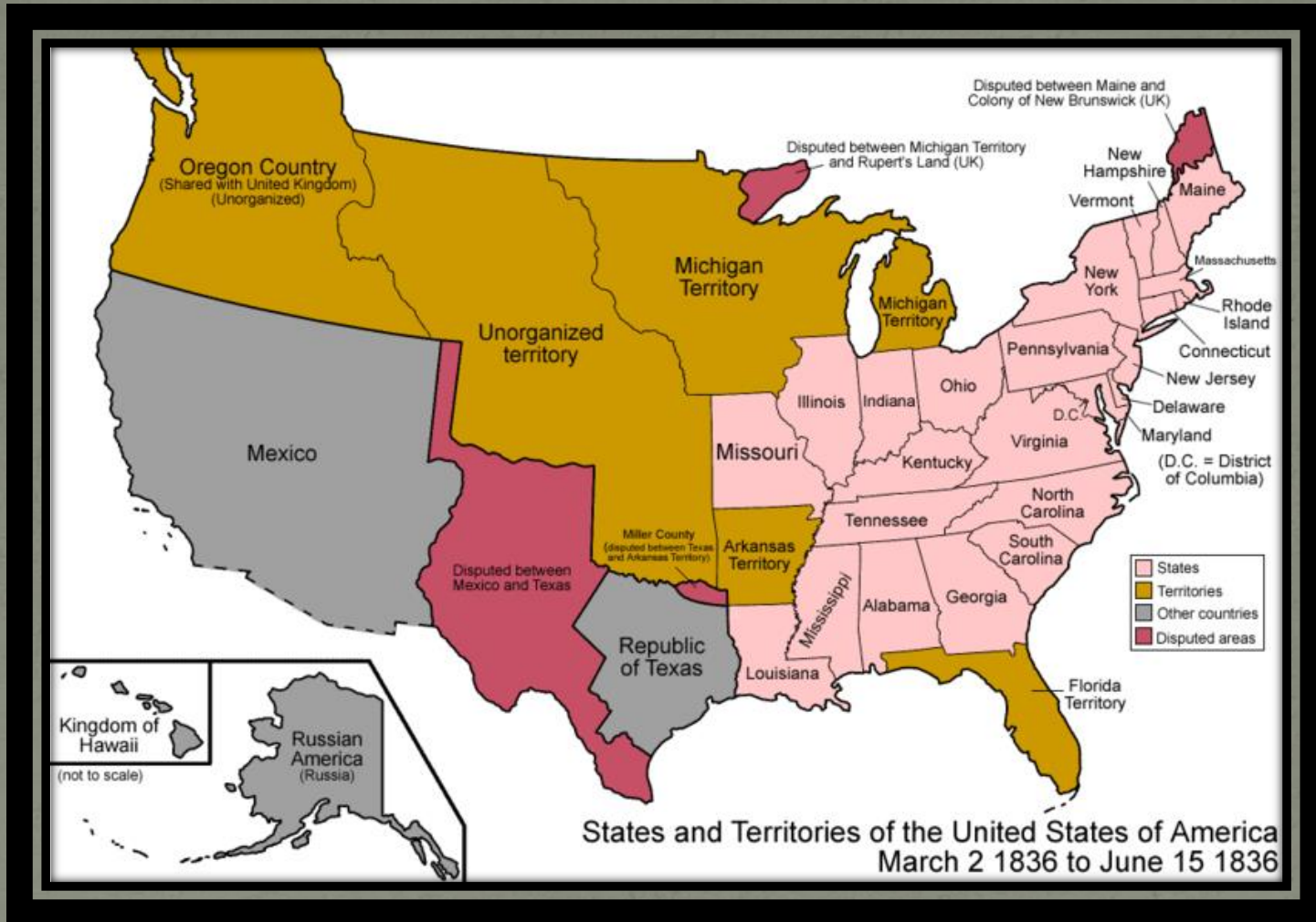
After the Louisiana Purchase 1803

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U. S. Territory 1835

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America Before the War with Mexico 1845

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America during Civil War, Red—Slave, Blue—Free, Yellow—
Slave but in Union, White—Indian Territory 1860

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- Great American Subjects and Themes:
 - A New Beginning
 - Religion
 - Conflict of Cultures
 - Quest for freedom
 - Narratives of Escaped Captives
 - Movement West
 - Search for an American Identity
 - Literature
 - Mythology

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- Literary Periods: Beginnings through 1865
 - Pre-Columbian (40,000 BCE to 1492)
 - Age of Exploration (1492 – 1550)
 - Early Colonization (1550 – 1620)
 - Early Colonial Period (1620-1730)
 - Late Colonial Period (1730-17750)
 - Revolutionary Period and Early Nationhood (1776 –1815)
 - Romantic Period (1816 -- 1858)
 - Civil War Period (1859 – 1865)