

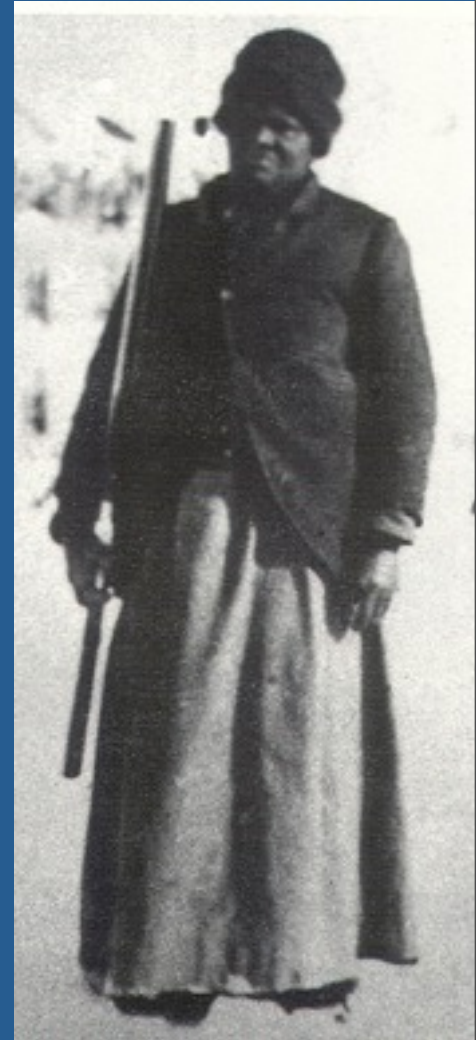
Week 1

Spanish Origins

Black Life in Mississippi and Harlem, ca. 1930



Clifford Hancock, Juneau, Alaska, 1899
Lucile & John Breckenridge, Roslyn,
Washington, 1895
Mary Fields, Cascade, Montana, 1888



First African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) Members, Seattle,



Walter Prescott Webb University of Texas



- The West is the American region without water, timber, cities...or Negroes.
- Walter Prescott Webb, 1957

African Americans in the West: Population, 2010

Total Regional Black Population: 6,956,958 (6.4%)

Total Regional Population: 107,357,780

• Texas	2,987,598	25,145,561	11.8
• California	2,299,072	37,593,222	6.1
• Oklahoma	277,644	3,751,351	7.4
• Arizona	259,008	6,392,017	4.1
• Washington	240,042	6,724,540	3.5
• Nevada	218,626	2,700,551	8.0
• Colorado	201,737	5,029,196	4.0
• Kansas	167,864	2,853,118	5.8
• Nebraska	82,885	1,826,341	4.5
• Oregon	69,206	3,831,074	1.8
• New Mexico	42,550	2,059,179	2.0
• Utah	29,287	2,763,885	1.0
• Alaska	23,263	710,231	3.2
• Hawaii	21,424	1,360,301	1.5
• South Dakota	10,207		
814,180	1.2		
• Idaho	9,810		
1,567,582	0.6		
• North Dakota	7,960	672,591	1.1

Black Cowboy, Yakima, ca. 1898

Black & White School Children, Roslyn, ca. 1895



Black Women Workers, Richmond Shipyard,



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Tacoma, 1885

THE
Chinese Must Go!

Mayor Weisbach

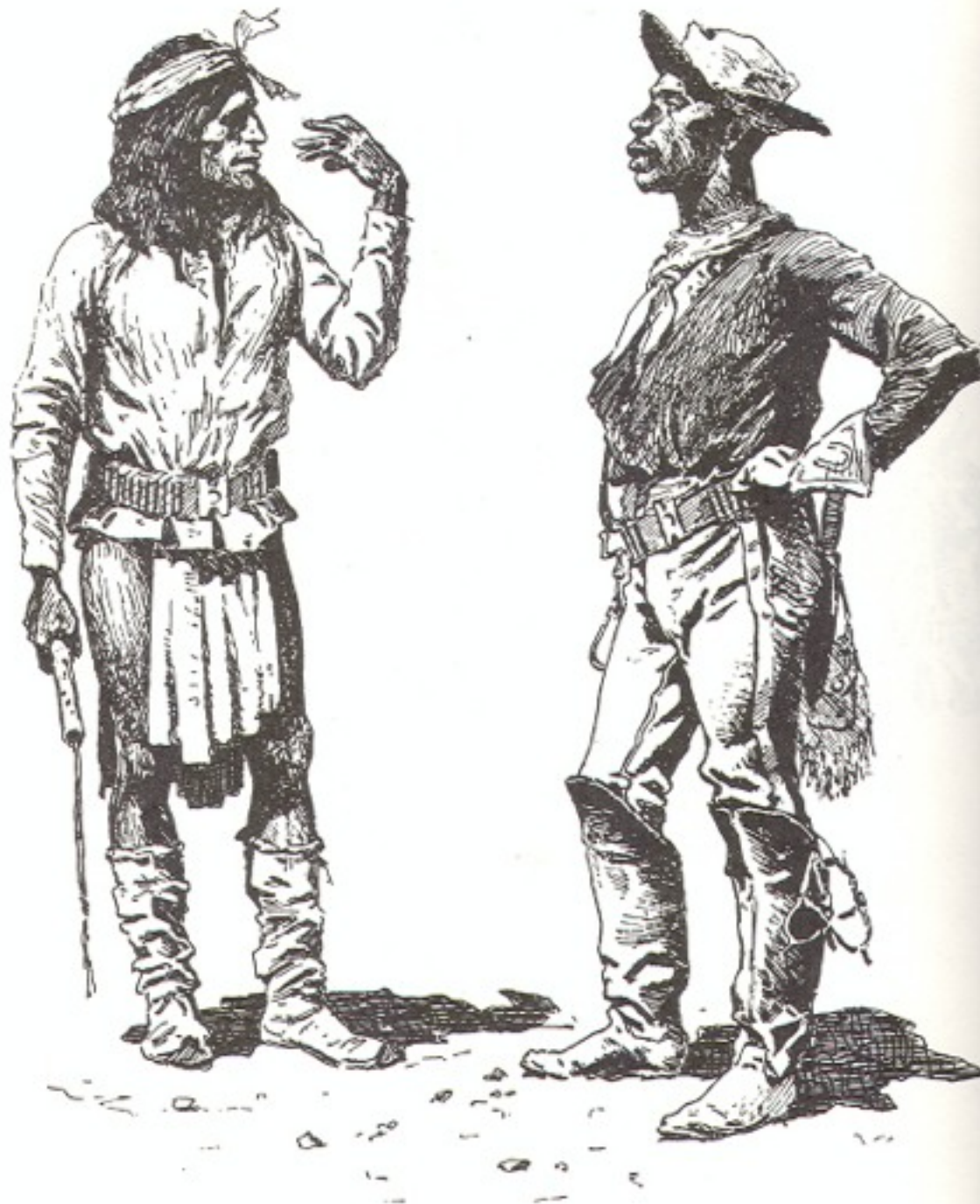
Has called a **MASS MEETING** for
this (Saturday) evening at
7:30 o'clock.

AT ALPHA OPERA HOUSE.

To consider the Chinese question.

TURN OUT.







Video Tape Viewing Leads To Public Outcry

Four Los Angeles police officers are indicted following the beating of an African American motorist, 25-year-old Rodney King.

The incident is taped by a bystander trying out a new video camera.

The tape shows four Los Angeles officers repeatedly clubbing King as he lay on the ground.

The video tape is shown over and over on television news programs across the





African American Voting: An Olympia

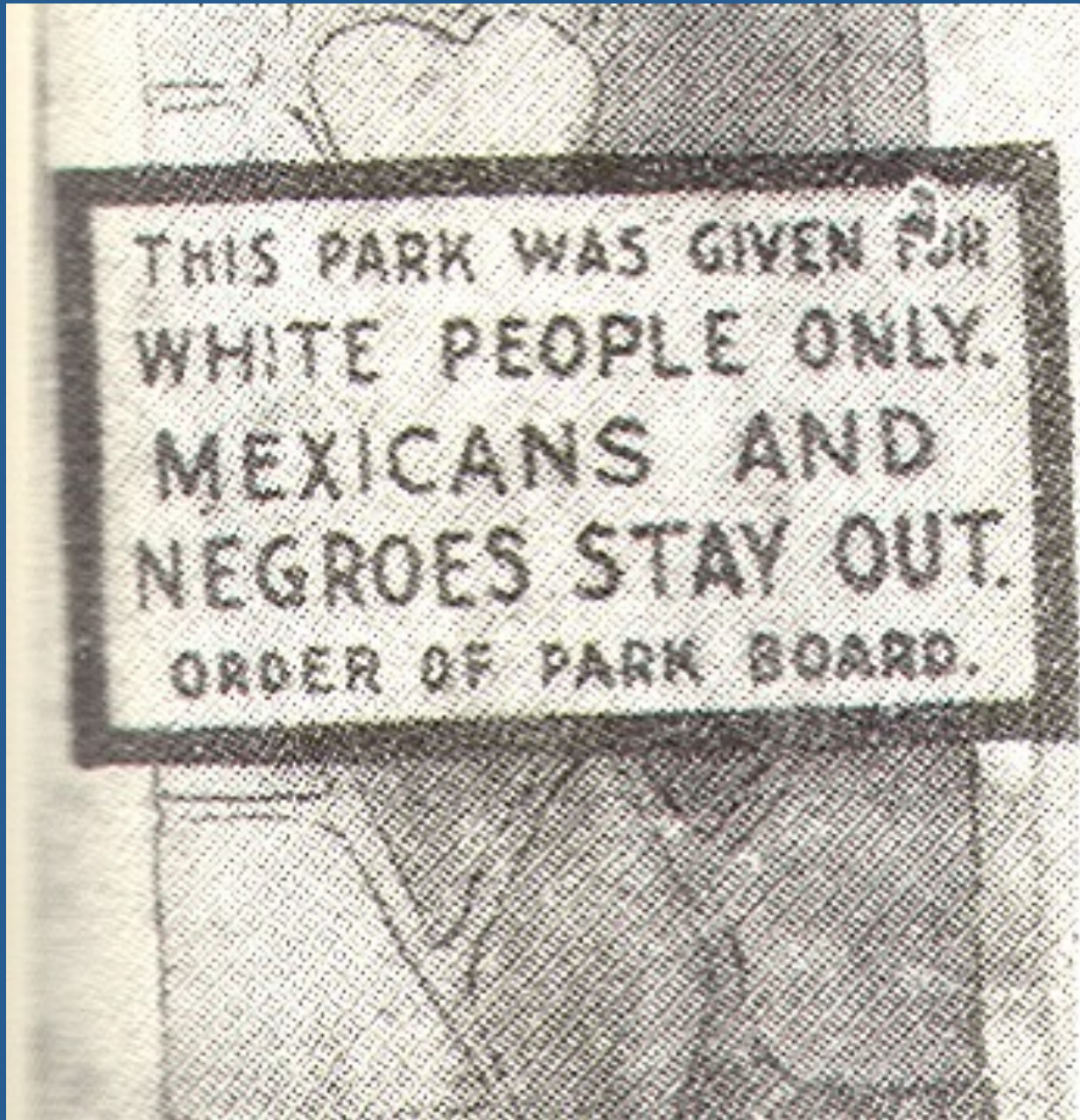


Although the 15th Amendment does not particularly affect us in this Territory, as the colored folks have been voters among us for sometime already, it will be a matter of much importance in both Oregon and California...

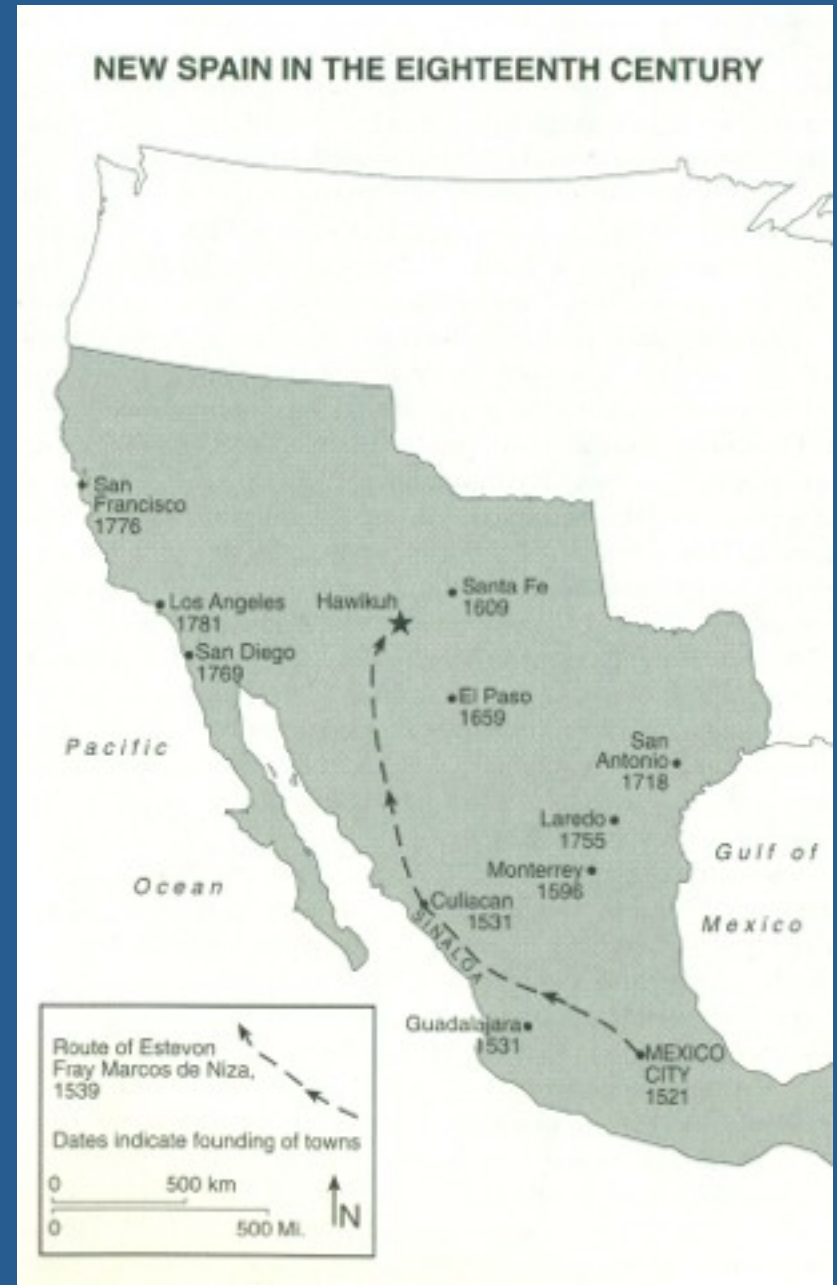
It will be a happy day for the country when the people shall no more care to inquire whether a voter or a candidate for office is white or black than whether he is tall or short.

– Olympia Commercial Age,

Houston Segregation Sign, 1920



Artist Rendering of Esteban as He May Have Appeared in 1539



Isabel de Olvera

From Mexico City to Santa Fe, 1600



I am going...to New Mexico and have some reason to fear that I may be annoyed by some individuals since I am a mulatto. It is proper to protect my rights in such an eventuality by an affidavit showing that I am a free woman, unmarried and the legitimate daughter of Hernando, a negro and an Indian named Magdalena... I demand justice...



Black Musicians in Madrid,



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Population of New Spain, 1570–1790

	1570	%	1646	%	1742	%	1793	%
Indians	3,336,860	98	1,269,607	74	1,540,256	62	2,319,741	61
Europeans	6,644	0*	13,780	0	9,814	0	7,904	0
Criollos	11,067	0	168,586	10	391,512	16	677,458	18
Mestizos	2,437	0	109,042	7	249,368	10	418,568	11
Blacks	20,569	0	35,089	2	20,131	1	6,100	0
Mulattoes	2,435	0	116,529	7	266,196	11	369,790	10
Total	3,380,012	100	1,712,615	100	2,477,277	100	3,799,561	100

*Less than 1 percent is represented by 0. All percentages may not total 100 percent.

Source: Colin M. MacLachan and Jaime E. Rodríguez O., The Forging of the Cosmic Race: A Reinterpretation of Colonial Mexico (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1980), p. 197.





Diorama: Founders of Los Angeles, 1781



Founders of L.A. (Close-up)



The African and Part African Founders of Los Angeles, 1781

- Antonio Mesa, Negro, and Ana Gertrudis Lopez, Mulatto, two children
- Manuel Camero, Mulatto, and Maria Tomasa, Mulatto
- Jose Navarro, Mestizo, and Maria Rufina Doretea, Mulatto, three children
- Jose Moreno, Mulatto and Guadalupe, Mulatto
- Basilio Rosas Indio and Maria Manuela Calistra, Mulatto, six children
- Luis Quintero, Negro, and Maria Petra Rubin, Mulatto, five children

Map of The Mexican Pacific



Percentage of Blacks and Mulattoes in Various Northern New Spain Cities

- Albuquerque (1750) 24%
- San Antonio de Bexar (1777) 7%
- Los Angeles (1781) 56%
- Santa Barbara (1785) 19%
- Laredo (1789) 17%
- San Jose (1790) 24%
- Monterey (1790) 19%
- San Francisco (1790) 15%

Castas: Racial Classification System in Colonial New Spain

<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Offspring</i>
Spaniard	Indian	Mestizo
Spaniard	Negro	Mulatto
Spaniard	Mestiza	Castizo
Spaniard	Mulatta	Morisco
Morisco	Española	Chino
Chino	Indian	Salto atrás
Salto atrás	Mulatta	Lobo
Lobo	China	Gibaro
Gibaro	Mulatta	Alborazado
Alborazado	Negro	Cambujo
Cambujo	Indian	Zambaigo
Zambaigo	Loba	Calpamulatto

Source: Leslie B. Rout, Jr., The African Experience in Spanish America (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976), 130.

Mixed Race Families, Colonial Mexico



Pio Pico, His Wife and Daughters, ca. 1870





The Mexican Constitution of 1824

Clause 12



All inhabitants...
without distinction
of their European,
African or Indian
origins are
citizens...with full
freedom to pursue
their livelihoods
according to their

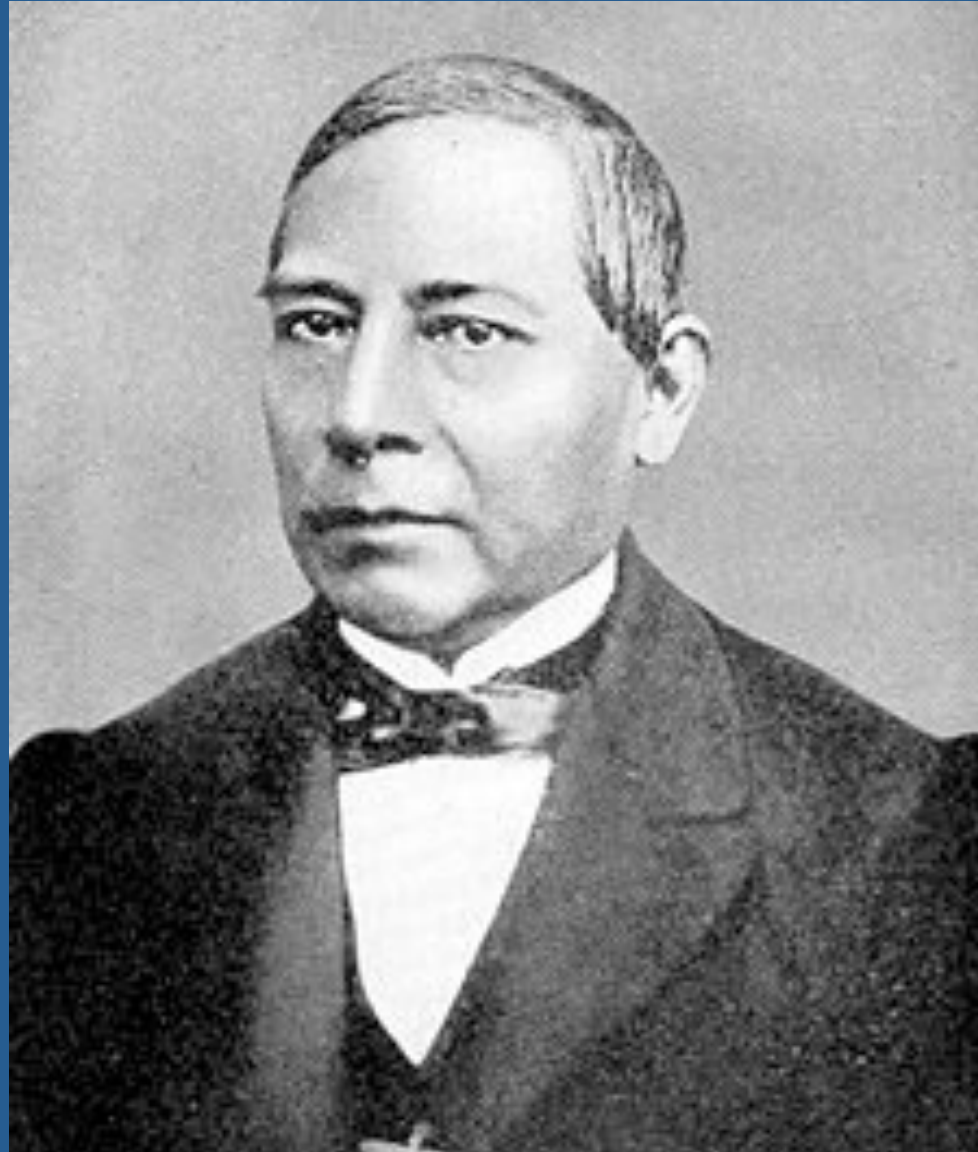
Vicente Guerrero

Mexican War of Independence Leader,
Second President of Mexico, 1829–1831



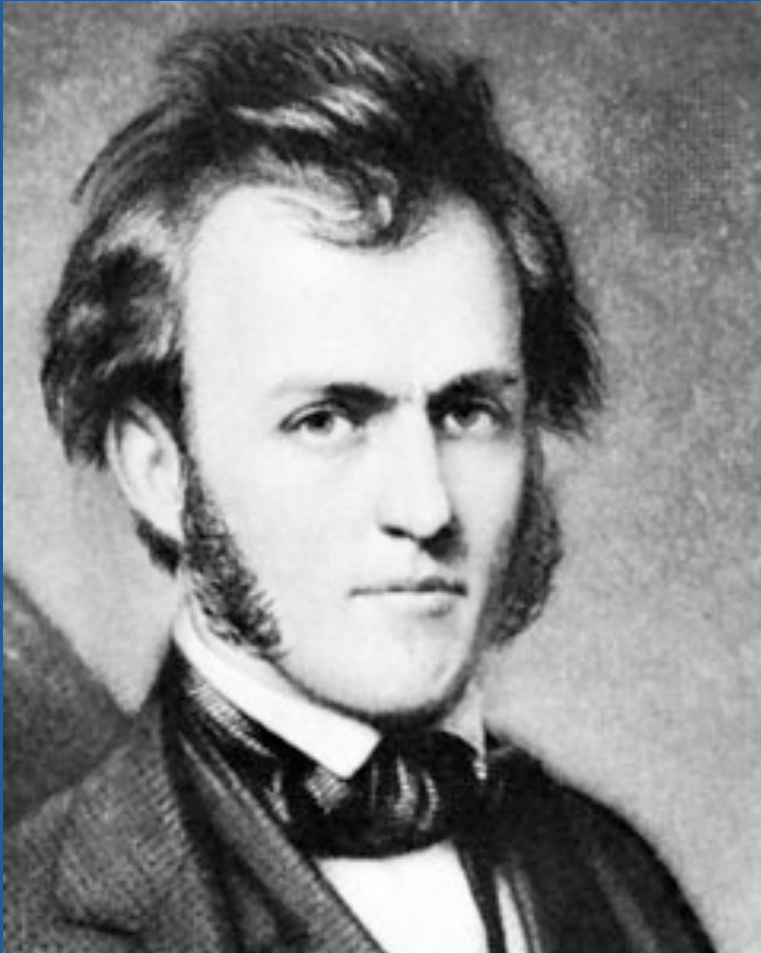
Benito Juarez

President of Mexico, 1858–1872





Benjamin Lundy on Attitudes Toward Blacks in San Antonio,



- The Mexicans pay him [a former North Carolina blacksmith] the same respect as to the other laboring people, there being no difference made here on account of color.

An Invitation from Mexico,



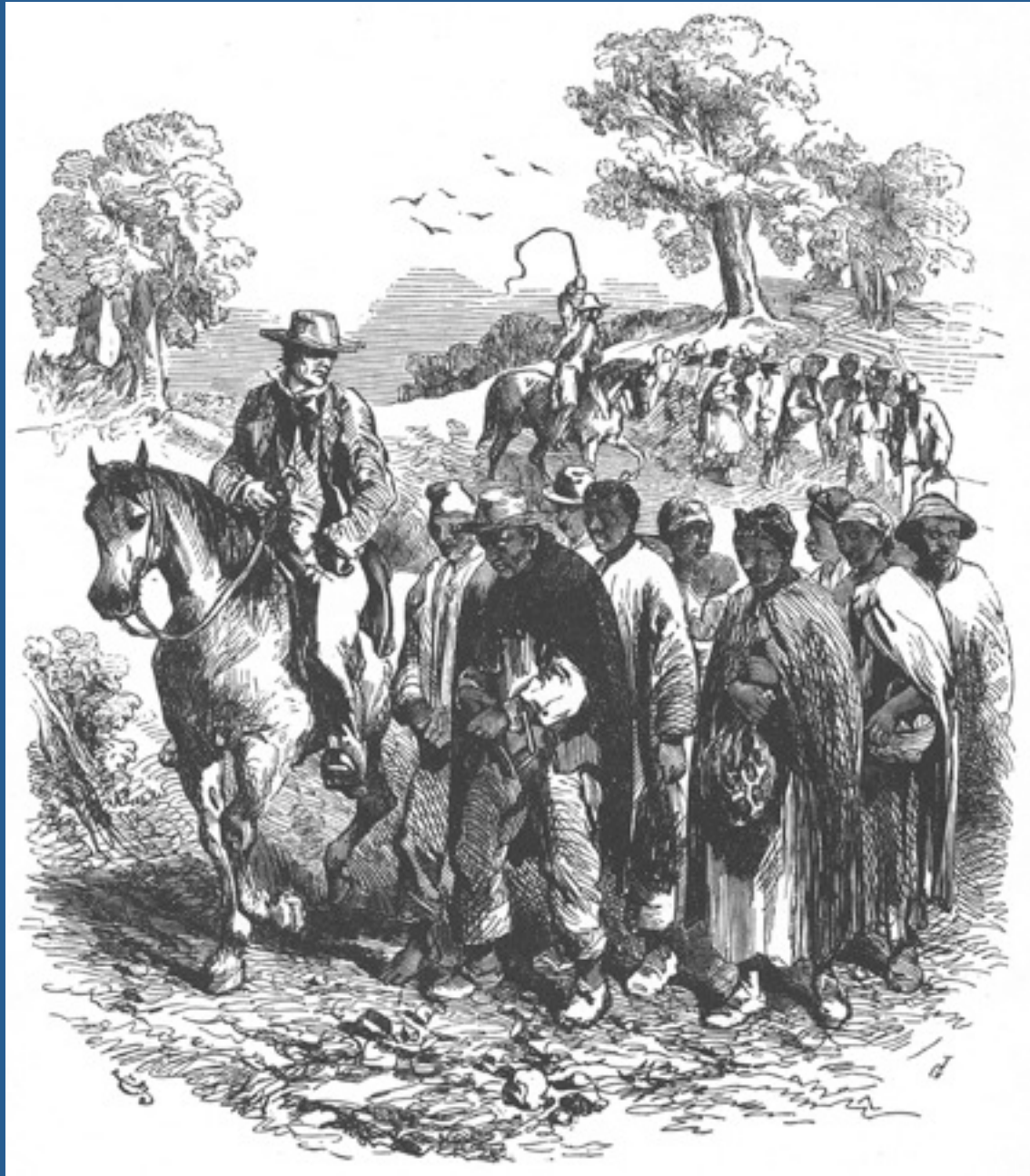
If they [U.S. blacks] would like to come, we will offer them land for cultivation, plots for houses where they can establish towns, and tools for work, under the obligation [that they will] obey the laws of the country...

- Mexican Vice President Valetin Gomez, 1833

Stephen F. Austin's Texas



Enslaved People Marched West to Texas,



Peach Point “Plantation”



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The Contract Labor System

Provision of a Contract Drawn Up on December 25,

- Clarissa agrees to conduct & demean herself as an honest and faithful servant, renouncing and disclaiming all her right to personal liberty for and during the term of ninety-nine



Estimated Population of Mexican Texas on Eve of Texas



- Anglos 30,000
- Black Slaves 5,000
- Tejanos 3,476

“Race,” Slavery, and the Texas War of Independence

- [Santa Ana’s Army] is a merciless soldiery advancing on Texas to give liberty to our slaves and make slaves of ourselves.” Matagorda Committee of Safety and Correspondence, 1835.
- [The Mexican Army] sought a “general extermination” of the people regardless of age or sex. The “treacherous and bloody enemy” intended to recruit black slaves “as instruments of his unholy and savage work...” Brazoria Safety and Correspondence Committee., 1835.
- “Our Negroes are on the tip-toe of expectation and rejoicing that the Mexicans are coming to make them free.” Unidentified Brazoria slaveholder, 1836.
- [The Texas Revolution is a contest between the barbarism of a “mongrel Spanish-Indian and negro race, against civilization

General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna on Freedom for Enslaved Texans



- Shall we permit those wretches to moan in chains any longer in a country whose kind laws protect the liberty of man without distinction of cast or color?

The Alamo, Texas Independence, and Black Liberation, 1836



- The philanthropy of the Mexican nation has already freed the slaves. You, General, are to grant them their natural rights including the liberty to go to any point on the globe that appeals to them or to remain in Texas or another part of Mexico.
 - Mexican Minister of War Jose Maria Tornel

Surrender of Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto,



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Texas Comanche Warriors, ca. 1860

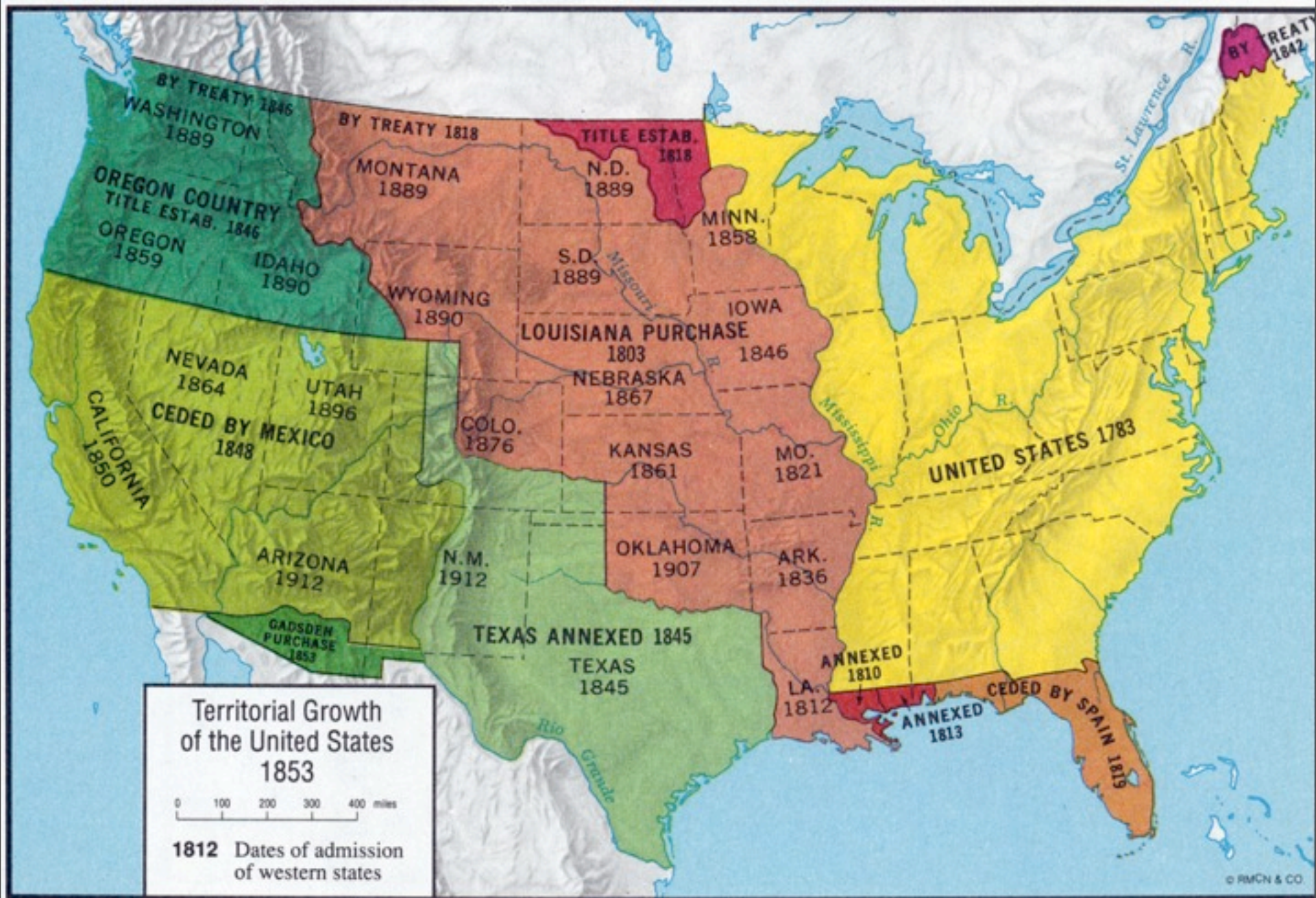
Mixed Race Black-Comanche Family, ca.





Emily Morgan and Texas Independence





The Texas Constitution and Slavery, 1837

- All persons of color who were slaves for life previous to their emigration to Texas, and who are now in bondage, shall remain in the like state of servitude.
- No future Texas Congress shall have the right to prevent U.S. emigrants from bringing their slaves to the Republic.
- No Texas Congress shall in the future emancipate slaves.

The Texas Constitution and Free Blacks, 1837

- All persons resident in Texas as of January 1, 1837 are citizens of the Republic except Africans and their descendants, and Indians and their descendants.
- No free person of African descent shall be permitted to reside permanently in the Republic without the consent of the Texas Congress.

Greenbury Logan and the Texas Revolution



- I loved the country and did stay because I felt myself more a freeman than in the states...but now look at my situation. Every privilege dear to a