In 1821, Mexico won independence from Spain.
Mexico Becomes Part of the United States - 1848

**Oregon Country 1846**

**Mexico Cession Area 1848**
approximately 500,000 sq mi.

**Gadsden Purchase Area 1853-54**
Approximately 30,000 sq mi.
Colorado Becomes a State - 1876

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August 1 1876 to May 17 1884