



Mary Stevenson Cassatt

c. 1844-1926 A.D. An American artist and figure painter, highly influenced by the great French contemporaries. Working often in oils and pastels, her innovative compositions favored women and mothers with children, such as *The Bath* and *Sleepy Baby*.



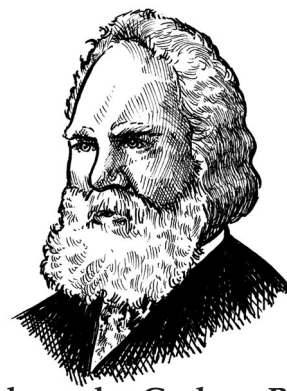
States to Achieve Statehood in the 1850s A.D.

- California: 31st state to join the Union on September 9, 1850
- Minnesota: 32nd state to join the Union on May 11, 1858
- Oregon: 33rd state to join the Union on February 14, 1859



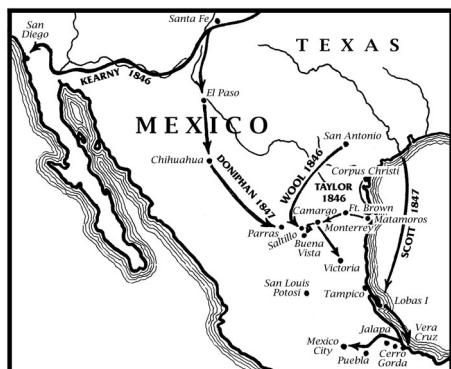
Thomas Alva Edison

1847-1931 A.D. American inventor who patented over a thousand inventions, including the microphone (1877), the phonograph (1878), and the incandescent electric lamp (1879).



Alexander Graham Bell

1847-1922 A.D. Scottish-born American inventor and scientist. A professor at Boston University in vocal physiology, he invented and patented the telephone and established Bell Telephone Company in 1877.



The Mexican-American War

1846-1848 A.D. President James Polk's desire to expand the U.S. led congress to approve the annexation of Texas (1845), causing Mexico to prepare for war due to its ongoing claims over Texas. The conflict raged for nearly two years until the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, with the U.S. victorious. This treaty assured the boundary of Texas and bartered territory including New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming.



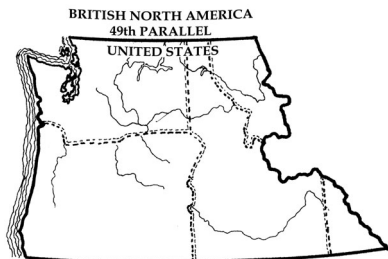
The Donner Party Tragedy

1846-1847 A.D. A group of 87 emigrants traveling to California who, after leaving Ft. Bridger, took a little-known route. Due to exposure, dissensions among the group, early snow, and lack of food, the suffering continued. Driven to cannibalism, they were eventually rescued with only half of their party reaching California.



George Westinghouse

1846-1914 A.D. American manufacturer and engineer with over 400 patents for his variety of inventions, including the development of vacuum-operated safety brakes and automatic railway signals. The Westinghouse Electric Company was established in 1886.



The Oregon Treaty

1846 A.D. A treaty between the U.S. and Britain that established a boundary between Canada and America along the 49th parallel.



The Gold Rush and the 49ers

1848-1849 A.D. The discovery of gold on John Sutter's land in 1848 led to a rush of profiteers, nicknamed the "49ers," across the western continent in 1849. Little fortune was made and many lives were lost to the harsh conditions and violent greed.



William Frederick Cody "Buffalo Bill"

1846-1917 A.D. American U.S. Cavalry scout, Pony Express rider, and a showman. He gained his popularity with his celebrated "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show," along with his star performer, Annie Oakley (1860-1926), a Quaker-born, legendary sharp-shooter.