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A Young Country Expands

The United States was not a very big place at the beginning of the 1800s. The country's 16 states were all located in one thin strip of land in the East. None of them reached past the Mississippi River. The country was made up of less than a million square miles.

By the end of the century, the United States was a world power. It controlled more than three million square miles.

▼ This map shows how the United States grew during the 1800s.

