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<p>Oregon Territory</p> <p>Divided by the United States and Great Britain</p>	<p>Texas</p> <p>Added to the United States after it became an independent republic</p>	
<p>California</p> <p>California and the Northwest Territory become part of the United States after a war with Mexico</p>	<p>Cut away</p>	<p>Florida</p> <p>Given to the United States by Spain in a treaty</p>



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Teaching Tips:

- Make a shutter fold, positioning paper so that the fold is horizontal, and glue a map "Growth of the US to 1853", (locating map in Mapmaker Toolkit or another map source), to the top of the shutter, slicing the middle of the map as the paper underneath, to make an opening. The map will need to be reduced to 4" x 5 ½ " size. A reduced size map from Mapmaker Toolkit, available in all FCPS is inserted below.
- Make another vertical cut with scissors to each map 1/2 , dividing the map into 4 sections in all.
- Lift the map flaps. Underneath each, glue the rectangles above **or** have students write in the information about Florida, Texas, Oregon, and California or have students create icons or symbols for each. Consider placement of the rectangles to match the real locations of each (i.e. the northeast would be left blank, which could generate some higher level thinking discussion of "Why?"

For details, see Curriculum Framework page 31.

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