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### *Classic American literature from the American Civil War to the Gilded Age*

**Nicola Paladin**



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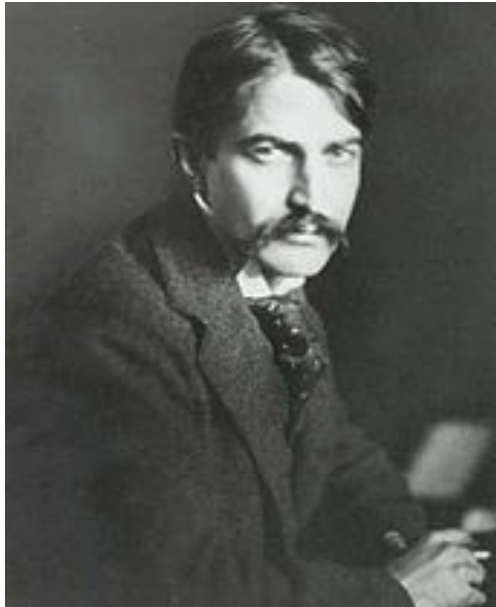
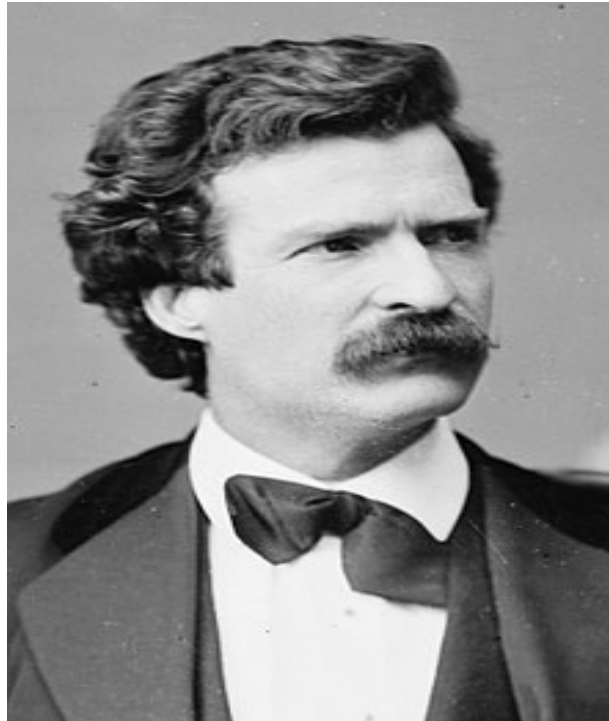
**IT'S AMERICAN LITERATURE**

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A close-up, front-facing shot of Morpheus from the movie The Matrix. He is wearing his signature black sunglasses and has a serious, intense expression. The background is a blurred, dark greenish-grey color.

**WHAT IF I TOLD YOU**

**THAT YOU CAN DISAGREE WITH  
PEOPLE WITHOUT HATING THEM**







Franklin Pierce  
(1853-1857)



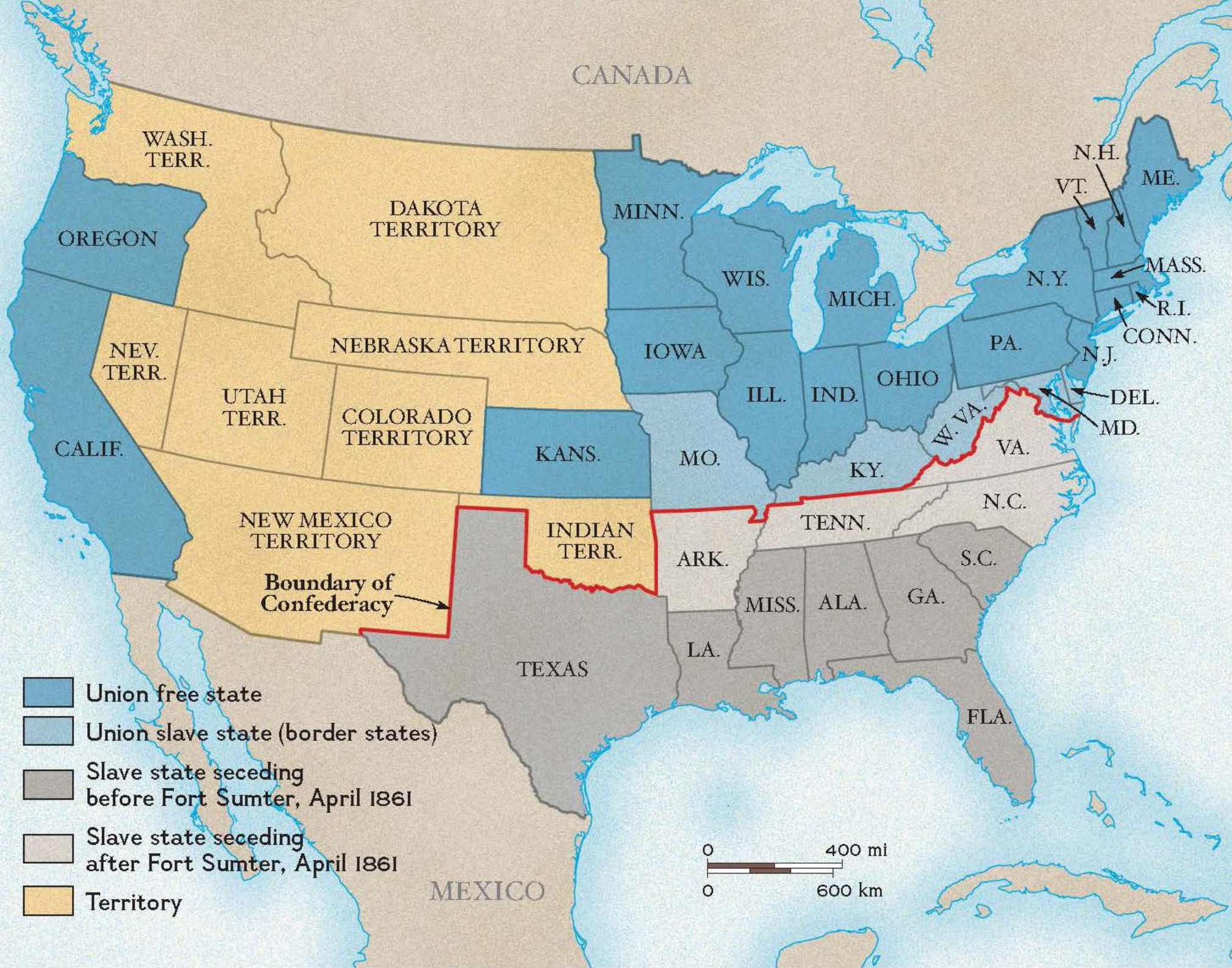
# **American Renaissance**

## **1850 - 1855**









CANADA

WASH. TERR.

DAKOTA TERRITORY

MINN.

N.H.

ME.

VT.

OREGON

WIS.

MICH.

N.Y.

MASS.

NEV. TERR.

NEBRASKA TERRITORY

IOWA

PA.

R.I.

CONN.

UTAH TERR.

COLORADO TERRITORY

ILL.

IND.

OHIO

N.J.

DEL.

CALIF.

KANS.

MO.

KY.

W. VA.

VA.

MD.

NEW MEXICO TERRITORY

INDIAN TERR.

ARK.

TENN.

N.C.

Boundary of Confederacy

TEXAS

LA.

MISS.

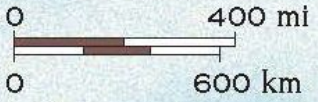
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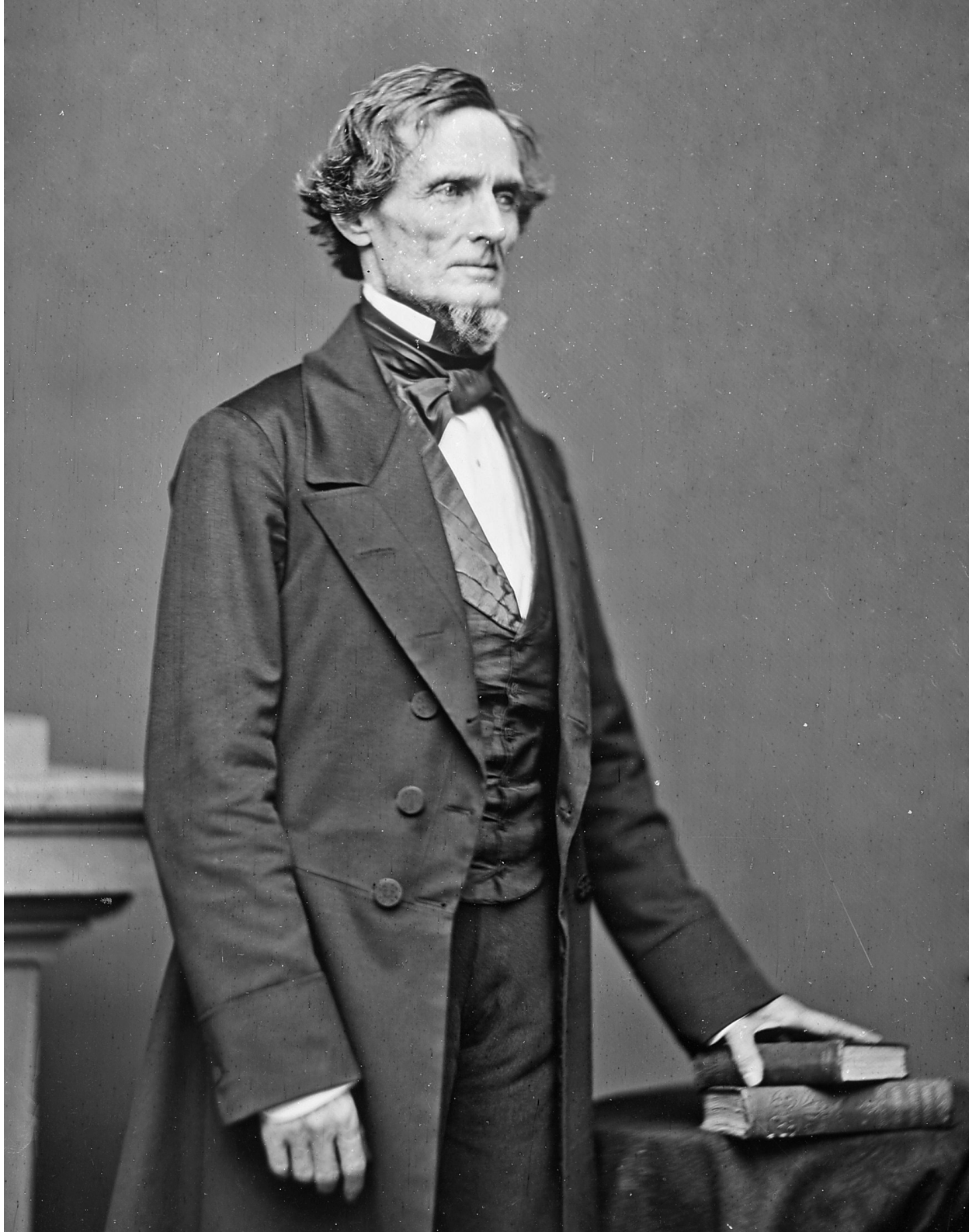
FLA.

- Union free state
- Union slave state (border states)
- Slave state seceding before Fort Sumter, April 1861
- Slave state seceding after Fort Sumter, April 1861
- Territory



MEXICO







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When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

[...] To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,— That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

**The people of Georgia having dissolved their political connection with the Government of the United States of America, present to their confederates and the world the causes which have led to the separation. For the last ten years we have had numerous and serious causes of complaint against our non-slave-holding confederate States with reference to the subject of African slavery. They have endeavored to weaken our security, to disturb our domestic peace and tranquility, and persistently refused to comply with their express constitutional obligations to us in reference to that property, and by the use of their power in the Federal Government have striven to deprive us of an equal enjoyment of the common Territories of the Republic. This hostile policy of our confederates has been pursued with every circumstance of aggravation which could arouse the passions and excite the hatred of our people, and has placed the two sections of the Union for many years past in the condition of virtual civil war. Our people, still attached to the Union from habit and national traditions, and averse to change, hoped that time, reason, and argument would bring, if not redress, at least exemption from further insults, injuries, and dangers. Recent events have fully dissipated all such hopes and demonstrated the necessity of separation.**

**(Georgia Declaration of Secession, 1861)**

We the People of the State of Alabama, having separated ourselves from the Government known as the United States of America, and being now by our representatives in Convention assembled, and acting in our sovereign and independent character; in order to establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity - invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God - do ordain and establish the following Constitution and form of Government for the State of Alabama.

(Constitution of Alabama, 1861)



**I'LL SEE YOU**



**TOMORROW**