## **NEW MEXICO: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

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## New Mexico: It ain't new and it ain't Mexico.

**But it is the Land of Enchantment** 

### New Mexico has mesas and adobe architecture



## But there's much more to it than that

## Rivers, Mountains and Deserts New Mexico has them all







### Let's start in the north—the southern Rockies

#### Sangre de Cristo mountains



## Skiing in New Mexico? You bet—around Taos



#### But there are also deserts in Northern New Mexico

#### Shiprock, the northwest corner





# In the middle, we have Albuquerque Hey, where's the adobe architecture?



#### It's in Santa Fe—The State Capitol

#### downtown, leading to the cathedral



### the capitol building



#### **Down the Rio Grande Valley**

#### near Albuquerque

#### Elephant Butte Reservoir





## In dry seasons it can look like this



### In the south, it's mountains and deserts

#### Sacramento Mountains



#### White Sands and Black Mountains



## The primary periods of New Mexico history

- The earliest peoples:
- The Spanish period:
- The Mexican period:
- The territorial period:

13,000 BC to 1598 1598 to 1821 1821 to 1848 1848 to 1912 The state of New Mexico: 1912 to present.

## **First were the Clovis people**



## They evolved into the Mogollon Culture



## Mogollons spread South while early Peublo cultures moved North



## About 1000 AD Anasazi speaking groups moved north and developed into the famous Chaco culture

#### Chaco canyon



#### Mesa Verde cliff houses



Around 1300 AD, they abandoned their elaborate cities and migrated south to the Rio Grande and Pecos river valleys. These are the ancestors of the modern Pueblos

Pictographs around Albuquerque



#### Pueblo houses in modern Taos





# Then, in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, came something completely different





#### Hernando de Soto and Luis Moscoso expedition, 1539-1543



## **Francisco Coronado expedition**



# The Spanish tried again in 1580s, with Franciscans leading the way.





San Antonio Mission at the Isleta Pueblo on the Río Grande,

# The Spanish spread in New Mexico but slowly, most around missions



#### In 1680 the Pueblos had had enough

## 1680: Pueblo revolt

- The Pueblos combined with the Apaches;
- Santa Fe sacked, some 120 Spaniards killed, the rest fled south;
- Indians raided down the Rio Grande, driving Spaniards south—ultimately over 500 killed;
- The rest stopped at El Paso and made a successful stand. El Paso became the new capitol.
- The Pueblo and Apache lands were cleared of the Spanish.

In 1690, the reconquista and the beginning of the Spanish period

## By 1698 The Spanish were in control

#### Diego de Vargas

#### The French began to move in





# Horses on the great plains changed everything for the Apaches, Navajos and Comanches.





## Spanish civil governors and military took control from the Church. Built fortified towns with adobe bricks.



## After the American revolution the competition for North America was fierce

RUSSIAN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA SE Croix PACIFIC River OCEAN SPANISH UNITED ATLANTIC LOUISIANA STATES OCEAN 500 Miles SPANISH SPANISH FLORIDI 1 1 1 500 Kilomete NORTH AMERICA New Orleans Disputed by Russia, Spain, WEST FLORIDA and Britain GULF OF MEXICO

6-6 North America after the Peace of Paris, 1783

# **Revolution**, 1821



## **Early Mexican rulers**

## Augustin Iturbide





Santa Anna

## **Another revolution, Texas, 1836**





## **Meanwhile in New Mexico**

- Authorities in Mexico City had little control while the government changed hands many times;
- New Mexico, including what is now Arizona, Utah and parts of Colorado were distant and inaccessible.
- The local governor and prefects ruled, in 1843 legislative assemblies were created;
- Trade with the U.S. was encouraged and the Santa Fe trail over the Raton Pass became a major trading route.
- During the Mexican period population grew by 55 percent, from 42,000 in 1821 to 65,000 in 1845.

## And then...



The United States conquered Mexico and took over all of northern Mexico. The largest land grab in the country's history

#### With the treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo, most of the Southwest of the U.S and California became the property of the federal government.


### New Mexico, a territory in the U.S.

- Mexican citizens were allowed to keep Mexican citizenship if they so declared within one year. But then they could not vote or hold office. Many did not become full citizens until statehood in 1912.
- Mexican land grants were to be honored but complex legal requirements left many off their land.
- A constitutional convention was called in 1850 and a slave free constitution was drawn up. But statehood was stalled by the Compromise of 1850

### The West under the Compromise of 1850



## **The Early Territorial Governments**

- Top officials appointed in Washington—the first nonmilitary governor was a former mayor of St. Louis.
- Many conflicts with local Hispanic elites, Indian tribes and the Roman Catholic hierarchy. This was a new and unique situation.
- There was an elected legislature who were all Hispanic and Church elites. They re-established a court system, postal routes, wagon roads and local jurisdictions.
- There was an elected territorial delegate to Congress. He had no influence with Congress focused on slavery and the coming Civil War.

## The Civil War in New Mexico

#### Henry Sibley, confederate general

#### Cochise, Apache chief



# The sides in New Mexico, 1862-63



### Union Victory Confederate and Navajo defeat

James Henry Carleton Union General

Kit Carson, Scout, Guide And Union Colonel



General James Henry Carleton, circa 1861-1862 Courtesy Library of Congress



## **Post War New Mexico**

- Gold, silver and copper rushes in the south of the territory and in the San Juan basin created wild west conditions.
- Larger numbers of Anglos attracted to New Mexico, for mining, lumber and cattle ranching.
- Let to huge fights over land with Texas cattlemen occupying ranches in the Pecos valley and the Sacramento mountains.
- The Lincoln County war between Texans, carpetbagger newcomers and local elites. And the Santa Fe ring.

## **The Lincoln County War**

#### Billy The Kid

### John Chisum



REWARD for the capture, DEAD or ALIVE. of one Wm Wright, Better known as



Age, 18. Height, 5 feet, 3 inches. Weight, 125 lbs Light hair, Blue eyes and even features. He is the leader of the worst band of desperdoes the Territory has ever had to deal with. The below REWARD will be paid for his CAPTURE or positlive proof of his DEATTH.

Alex Davies, Sheriff.





# **Apaches kept fighting**

### Geronimo, with warriors, 1886

### General George Cook





# **Railroads**—they changed everything



Catherine Holder Snude)

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe it's not just a song by Judy Garland

#### The AT And SF In the beginning



## The AT And SF In The 1950s



# Statehood came slowly, but in1912



