



# **ROUTE 66: The Mother Road & the US Southwest**

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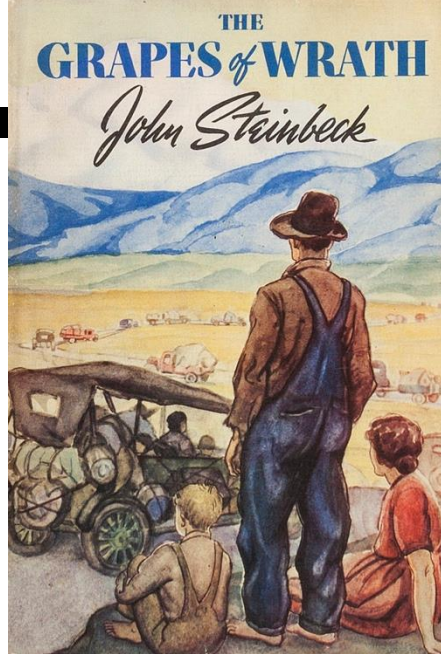
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# The Mother Road – *The Grapes of Wrath*



*The Grapes of Wrath in The Simpsons*



# The Mother Road

- ***The Grapes of Wrath***, novel by John Steinbeck (1939, recipient of very important awards: National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize)
- Poor people (mainly farmers-the Joads, in the novel) migrating from the Central Plains to California (often via **Route 66**) in search of jobs and new opportunities
  - **Dust Bowl**: draught (no rainwater!) & sandstorms
  - **The Great Depression**, 1929-1939: Economic crisis (no money or jobs!!)

Dust Bowl Migration 1930-1940





**From  
Chicago to  
Los Angeles,  
through the  
US  
Southwest**

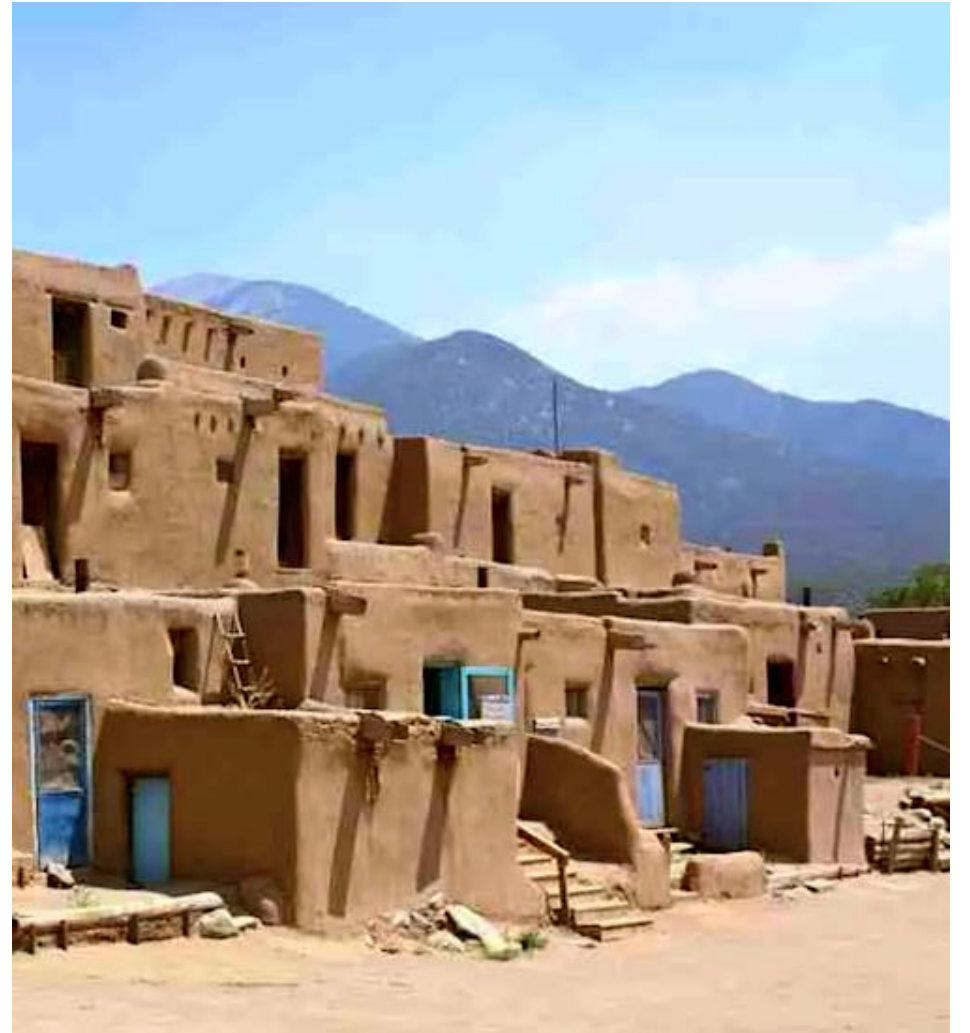
# Chicago, Illinois: the Great Fire (1871)



**Chicago, Illinois:  
from the Great Fire (1871) to  
modern architecture & skyscrapers**



**New Mexico:  
tradition & adobe buildings**

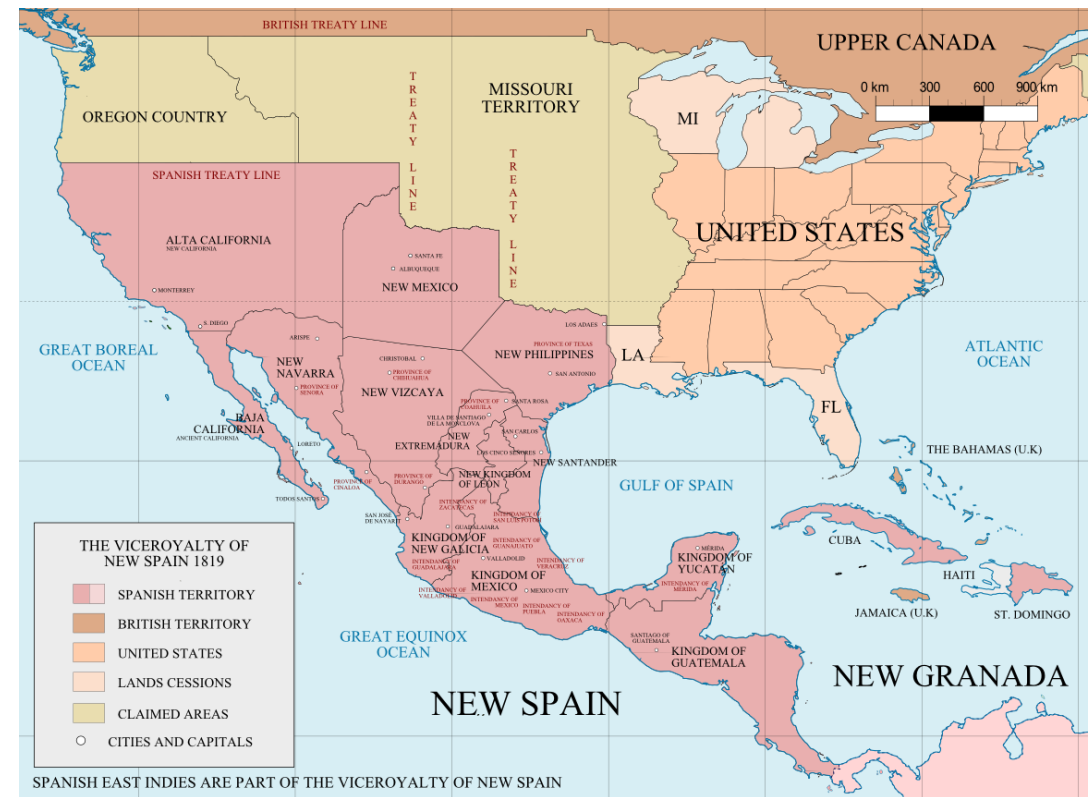


# Illinois: Chicago & Springfield



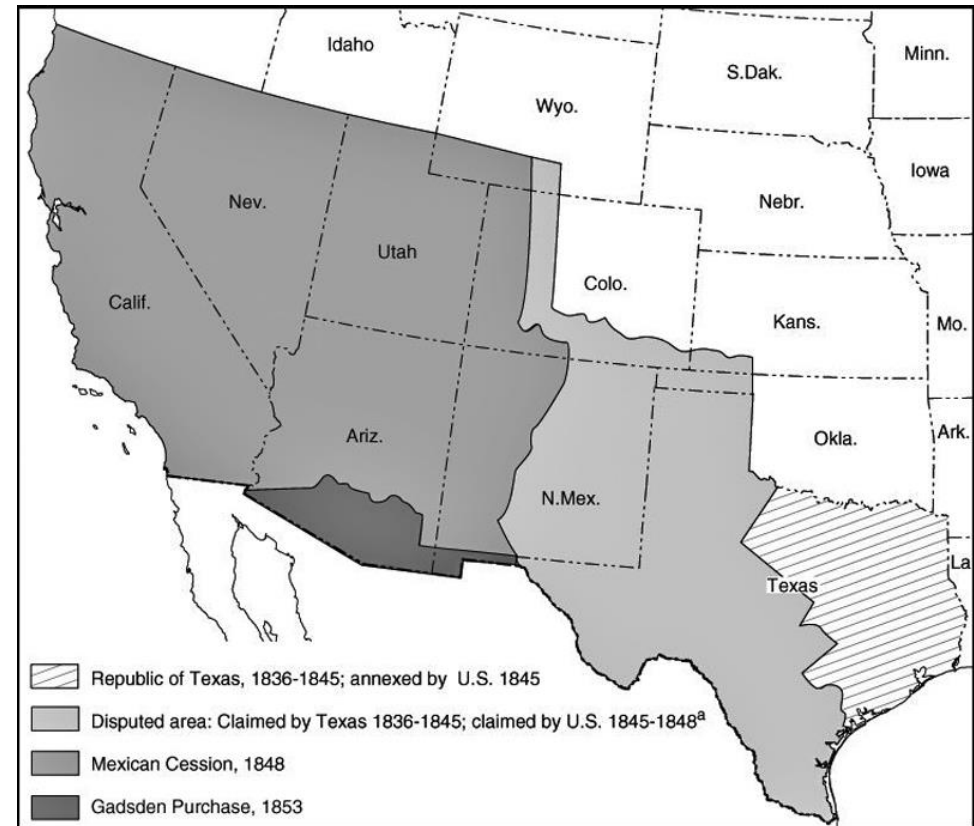
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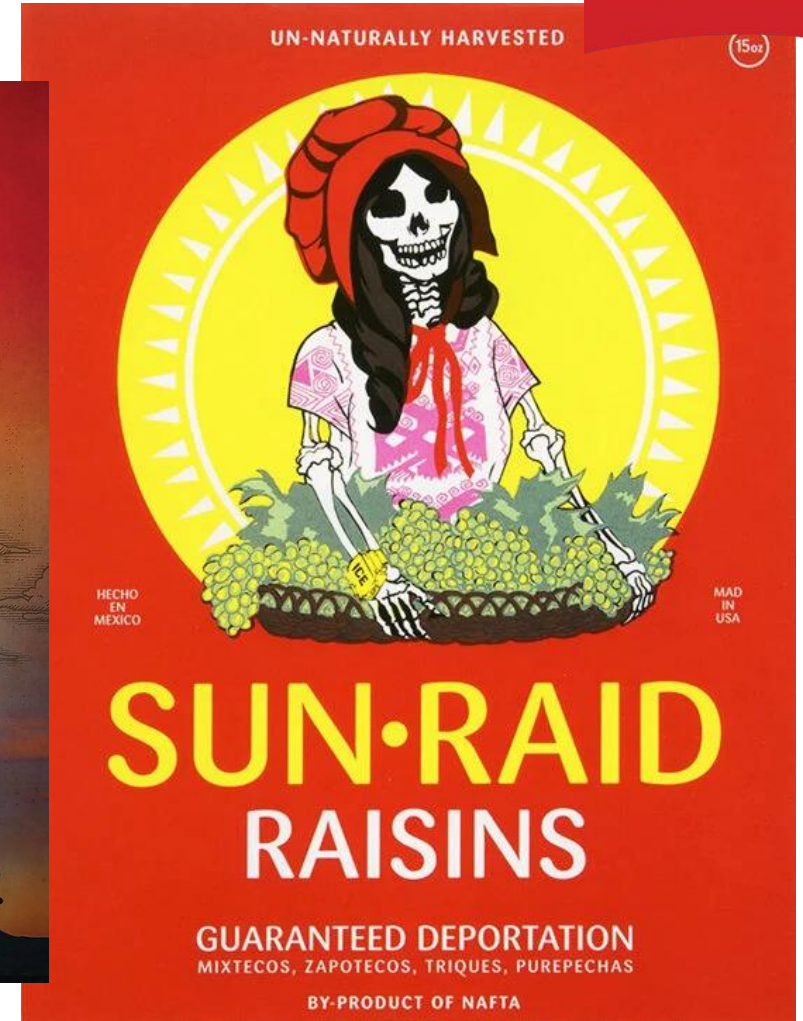
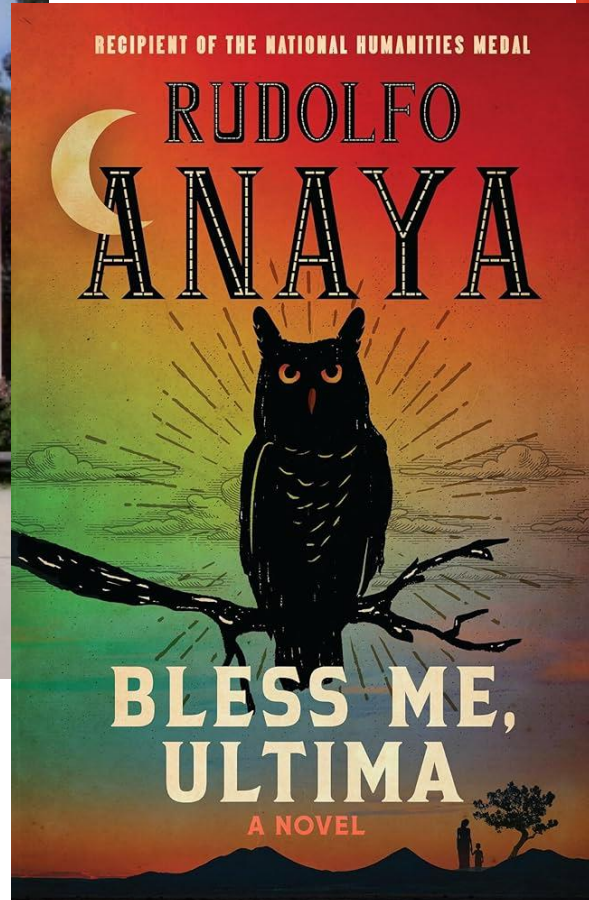
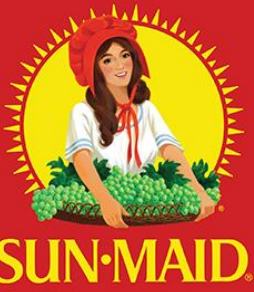


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- In 1821, **Mexico** became independent from Spain
- 1846-1848: **Mexican-American war**, the US wins and annexes most of the territories
- The Mexicans living in those territories **never migrated**, they became US citizens



# Chicanxs: Mexican Americans



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¿What the hell es el espanglish?



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# Texas: Amarillo (panhandle)



**Cadillac Ranch** (since May, 1974)



Mesas: flat-topped hills

# New Mexico: Albuquerque

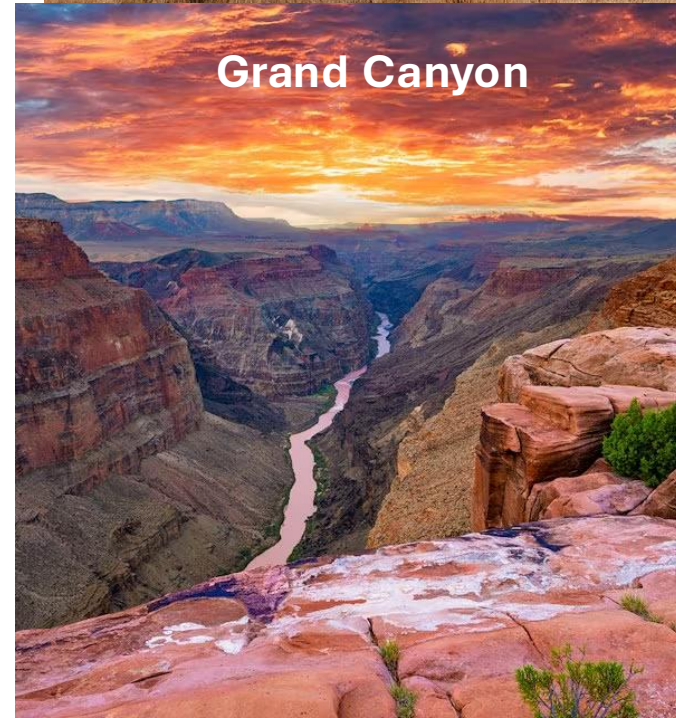


The Sandia Mountains

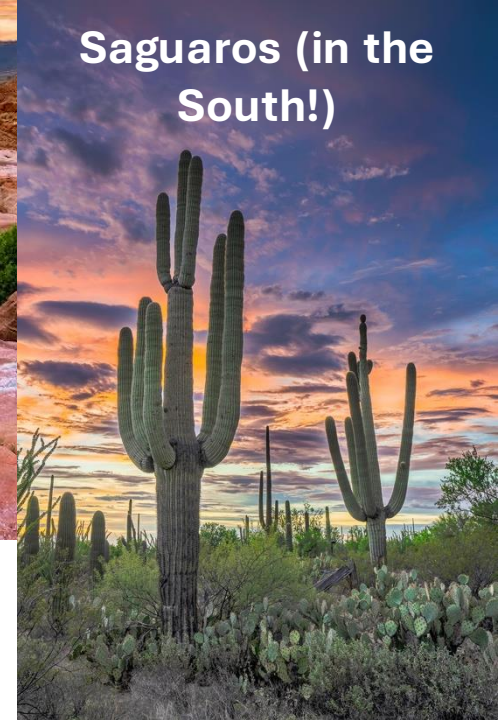
# Arizona: Flagstaff



San Francisco Peaks



Grand Canyon



Saguaros (in the South!)

# California: Los Angeles



# From Illinois to California



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# ***(Get Your Kicks On) Route 66***

- Write down as many names of places (cities and states) as you can?
- How long is Route 66, according to the lyrics?



# ***(Get Your Kicks On) Route 66***

- States & cities:
  - Chicago, L.A, St. Louis, Joplin (Missouri), Oklahoma City, Amarillo Gallup (New Mexico), Flagstaff (Arizona), Winona & Kingman (also AZ), Barstow & San Bernardino (CA)
- Length:
  - “More than two thousand miles all the way.”

**How many kilometers has a mile??**

- 1 mile = 1.6 km!

