

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range at sunset. The mountains are covered in snow and are illuminated by the warm, golden light of the setting sun. The sky is a mix of deep blue and orange. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the scene, showing the mountains and the colorful sky. A line of dark evergreen trees is visible in the middle ground, separating the lake from the mountains.

Alaska Purchase

1867

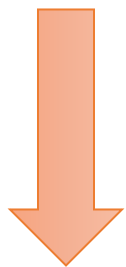


Dates

- 1859 – Russia offers to sell Alaska
- April 9, 1867 – Senate approves
- May 28, 1867 – President Johnson signs the treaty
- October 18, 1867 – Alaska officially becomes a US territory
- 1959 – Alaska becomes a state



Why?



rich natural resources



unprofitable and impossible to defend



lumber

gold

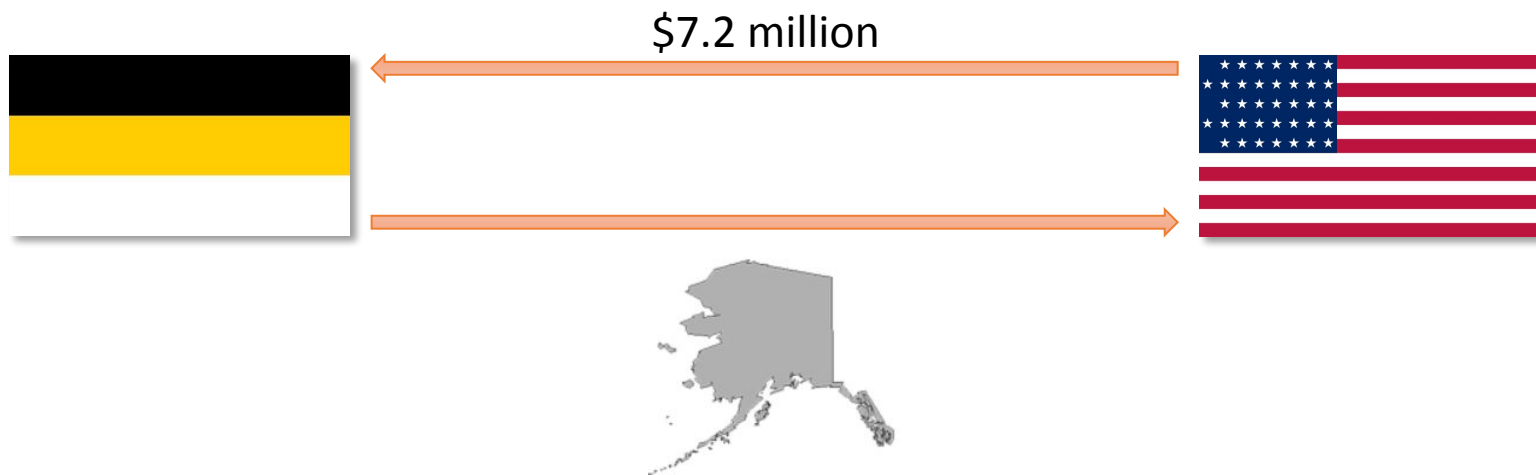
oil

natural gas

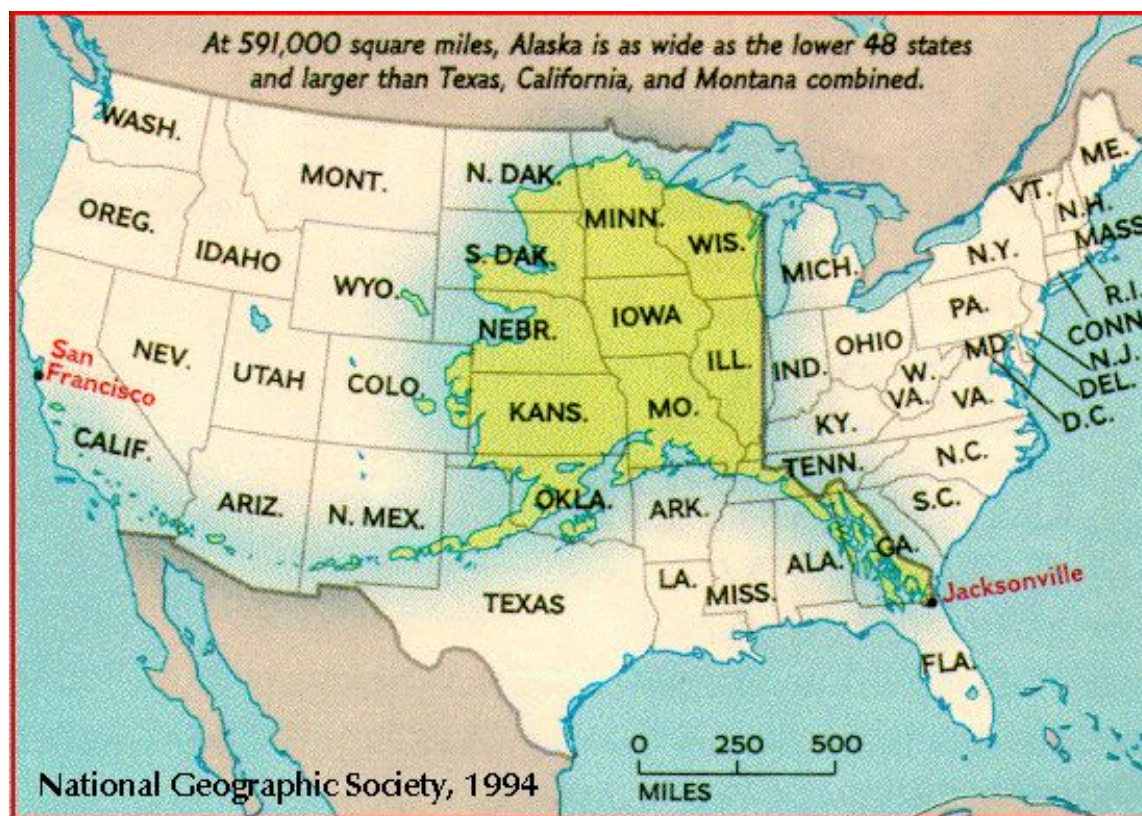
copper

Price

- \$7.2 million for 600,000 sq mi
- 2 cents/acre for the area more than 2xTexas



Alaska and the United States



Alaska Day

