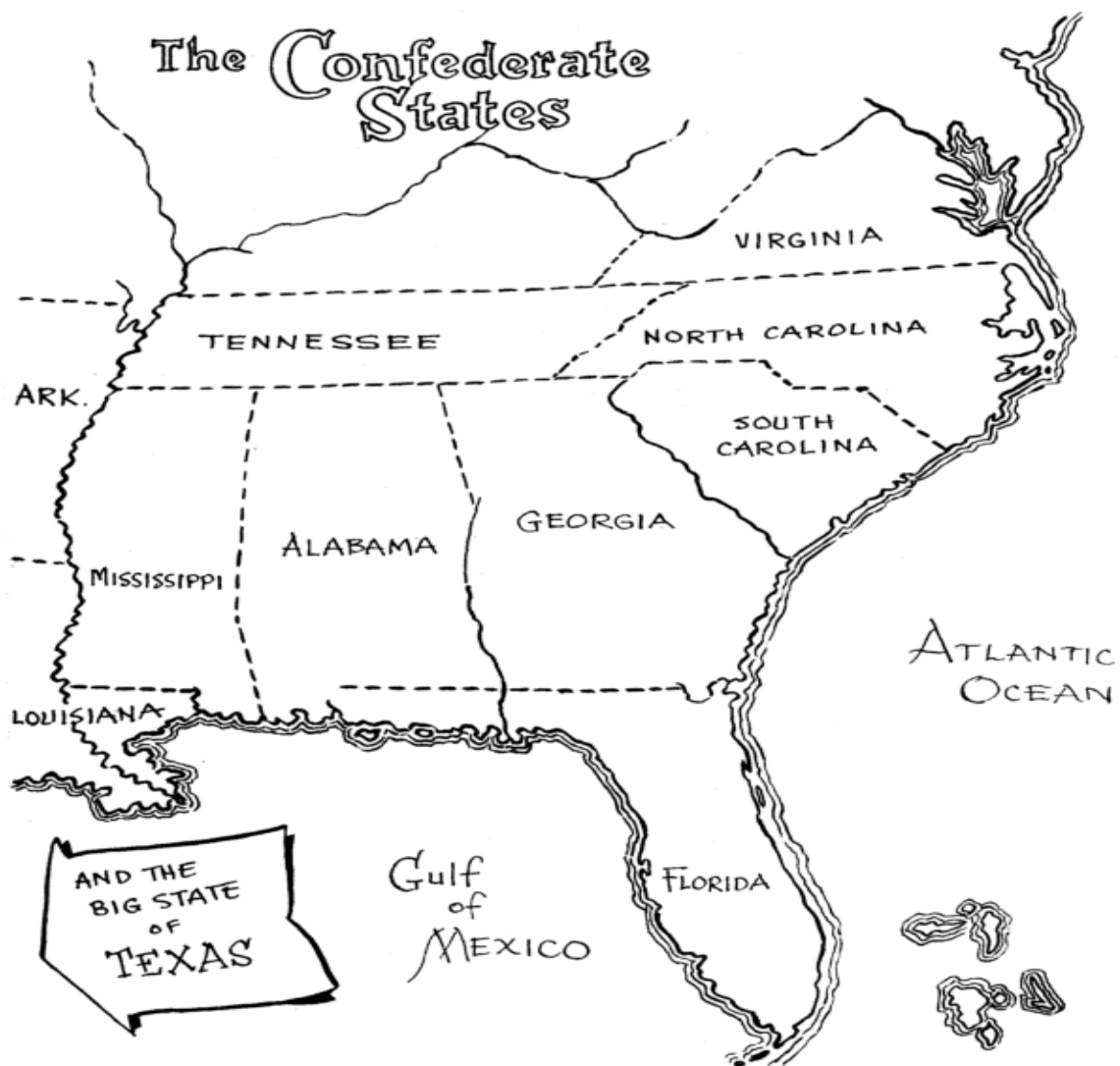




Seven states seceded from the Union and formed their own government.