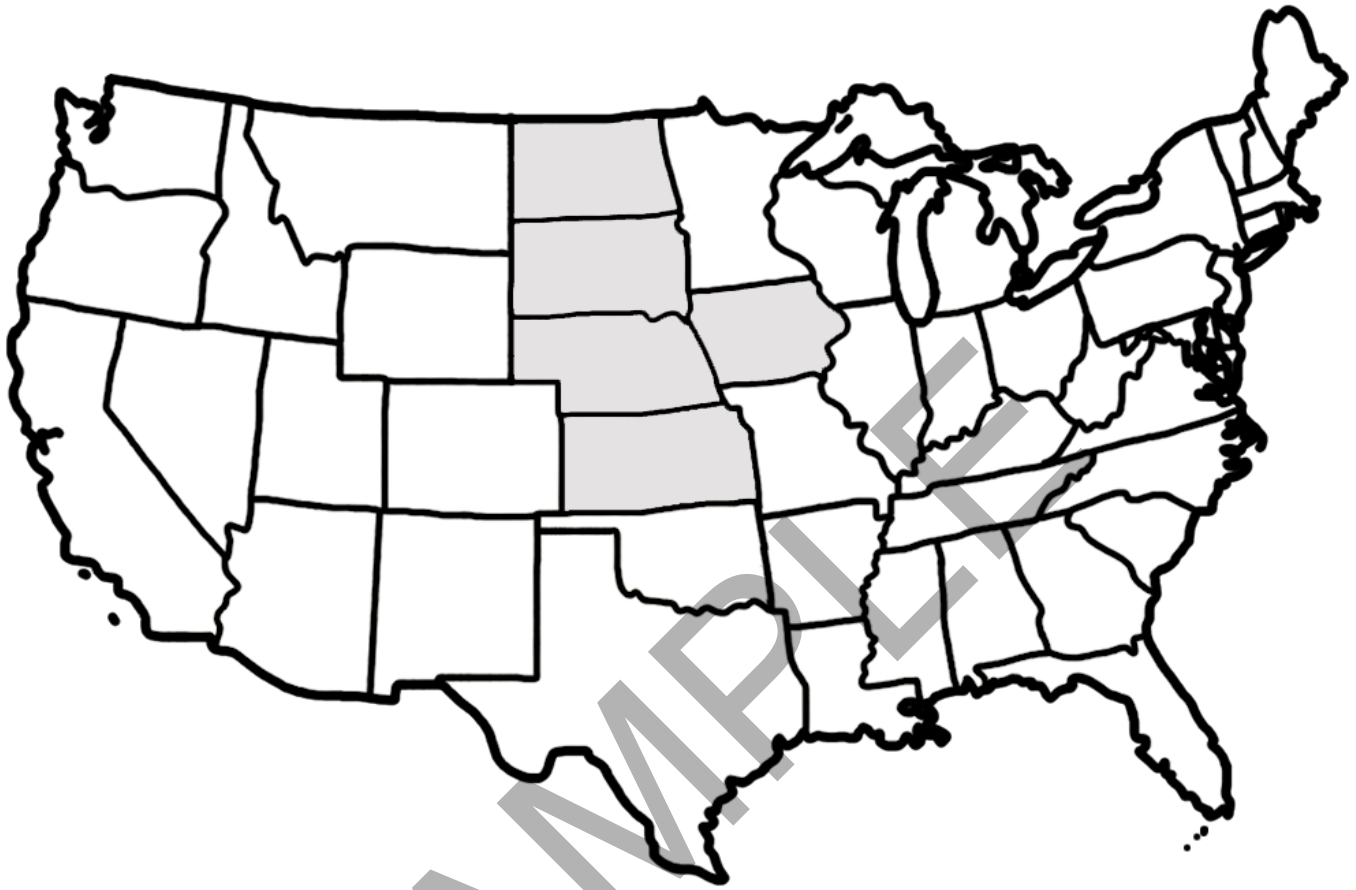


From 1862 to 1890
many people moved
into what was or
would become . . .



the states of North
and South Dakota,
Nebraska, Kansas,
and Iowa.



On May 20, 1862,

President Abraham

Lincoln signed the

Homestead Act.



It allowed any
citizen, or anyone
who intended to
become a citizen,
and was 21 years
old or older,



to claim 160 acres

of land. This

included women and

African Americans.



Someone just had to
live on the land for
five years and farm
the land, then they
would own it.