Learning From Biographies

Hi, I'm David.
I'm a cartographer.

I make maps.

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MAPS

WHAT I WANT

Seek biographies for your personal growth. . .

WHAT I WANT

. . . And a SURPRISE! ending

WHY BIOGRAPHIES ARE AWESOME!

Truth is stranger than fiction

WHY BIOGRAPHIES ARE AWESOME!

Gain knowledge about a variety of subjects

WHY BIOGRAPHIES ARE AWESOME!

Inspirational

WHY BIOGRAPHIES ARE AWESOME!

See how others solve problems

WHY BIOGRAPHIES ARE AWESOME!

Place people and history in context

BEWARE OF QUOTATIONS

"Great minds discuss ideas.

BEWARE OF QUOTATIONS

Average minds discuss events.

BEWARE OF QUOTATIONS

Small minds discuss people."

BEWARE OF QUOTATIONS

But is it true?

FORMS OF BIOGRAPHY: WRITTEN BY ANOTHER

Biography

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Biographical sketch

FORMS OF BIOGRAPHY: WRITTEN BY ANOTHER

Obituary

FORMS OF BIOGRAPHY: WRITTEN BY SUBJECT

Autobiography

FORMS OF BIOGRAPHY: WRITTEN BY SUBJECT

Memoir

FORMS OF BIOGRAPHY: WRITTEN BY SUBJECT

Journal or diary

REASONS FOR BEING

Advance knowledge of the subject

REASONS FOR BEING

Advance biographer's writing credentials

REASONS FOR BEING

Leap on a passing bandwagon

NOT JUST SLEEP AIDS

Shorter works

NOT JUST SLEEP AIDS

Young adult or juvenile

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Picture book

NOT JUST SLEEP AIDS

Graphic novels

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Oral histories

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LET ME SHARE SOME

Jack

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Ted

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Mr. Merrifield

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Zions Bank, Vernal, UT

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ZIONS BANK
3 West Main
ZIONS BANK
BANK OF VERNAL

PITFALLS

Finding the "right" one

PITFALLS

People's lives are messy

PITFALLS

“I’ll never live up to that!”

. . . OR . . .

PITFALLS

“I’m totally inspired by that!”

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Great biographies discuss events.

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Great biographies discuss people.

IN CONCLUSION

Some of the greatest biographies are . . .

IN CONCLUSION

. . . of your own family!

IN CONCLUSION

Journals
Oral Histories
Obituaries

THE Route OF THE Mormon Battalion

In 1846, westward bound Mormon pioneers struggled across Iowa. Brigham Young sent an offer to the president of the United States that the Saints would be willing to build waystations along their trail for future travelers to use in exchange for US help financing the Saints' journey. As an alternative, Pres. Polk sent Capt. James Allen to recruit 500 Mormon men to help secure territory in California during the Mexican-American war. In exchange they would receive pay, clothing, and arms. Thus began one of the longest infantry marches in American history.

Members of the Mormon Battalion—approximately 496 soldiers, 34 women, and 44 children—departed Council Bluffs on July 20, 1846.

The Mormon Battalion arrived at Fort Leavenworth on August 1, 1846, where they were outfitted before starting the march west.

The trek from Fort Leavenworth to Santa Fe lasted from August 13 to October 9. Heat, a lack of water, and the speed of the march were difficulties encountered and overcome. During this part of the trek the first of three sick detachments—10 men and several families—was sent to Pueblo for the winter.

At Santa Fe command of the Battalion was turned over to Col. Philip St. George Cooke who had been ordered to a cut a wagon road to California. A second detachment of sick men and all but five of the women were sent from Santa Fe to Pueblo. The Battalion left Santa Fe on October 19. On November 10 a third and final sick detachment was sent to Pueblo leaving 335 soldiers and four women.

After wintering in Pueblo, the sick detachments headed north to Fort Laramie where they joined with Brigham Young's advance party and traveled with them to the Salt Lake Valley.

The Battalion members were discharged at Los Angeles on July 16, 1847. 82 re-enlisted for 6 months. The rest began their journey to find their families, that journey taking some of them to Sutter's Mill near Sacramento. While there, gold was discovered in January 1848.

The Battalion cut the wagon road through Box Canyon, which was, at points, a foot narrower than their wagons. They arrived at the Pacific Ocean on January 27, 1847, completing a march in excess of 2,000 miles. Eventually part of the Battalion was sent to Los Angeles and the other part to San Diego. Those in San Diego earned the respect of the local citizens by helping build a courthouse, dig wells, make bricks, and fix up and whitewash existing structures.

BATTLE OF THE BULLS

The only battle of the march occurred southeast of Tucson on December 11, 1846, when a herd of stampeding bulls surprised the Battalion. No soldier was killed, but several were injured in what became known as the Battle of the Bulls.

WASHINGTON
IDAHO
MONTANA
MICH.
OREGON
WISCONSIN
MINNESOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA
IOWA
NEBRASKA
NEVADA
WYOMING
CALIFORNIA
UTAH
COLORADO
KANSAS
MISSOURI
ILLINOIS
ARIZONA
NEW MEXICO
OKLA.
ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA
TEXAS
MEXICO
PACIFIC OCEAN

Missouri
Mississippi
Great Salt Lake
California Trail
Mormon Trail
Platte
Oregon Trail
Santa Fe Trail
Colorado
Arkansas
Rio Grande

WINTER QUARTERS (OMAHA)
COUNCIL BLUFFS
NAUVOO
MOUNT PISGAH
FORT LEAVENWORTH
COUNCIL GROVE
FORT LARAMIE
SALT LAKE CITY
PUEBLO
SANTA FE
TUCSON
SACRAMENTO
LOS ANGELES
MISSION SAN LUIS REY
SAN DIEGO
BOX CANYON

Cartography: David Glassett
Modern-day boundaries are shown for reference.
Sources: Natural Earth, National Park Service, lds.org

Joel Ames Glassett

m. Rebecca Gail Schmidt

Parents

Joseph Martin Glassett &
Mildred Joleen Ames

Children

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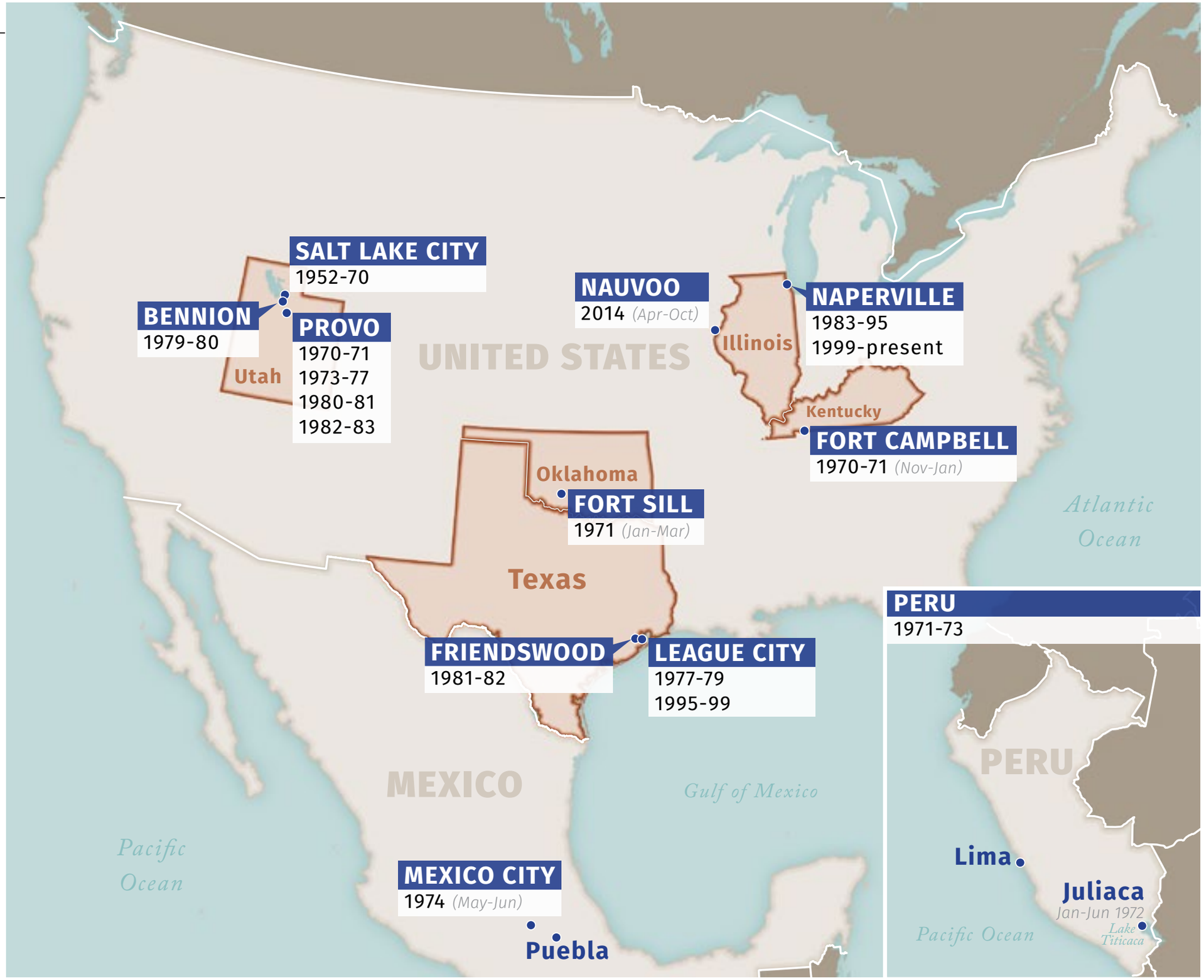

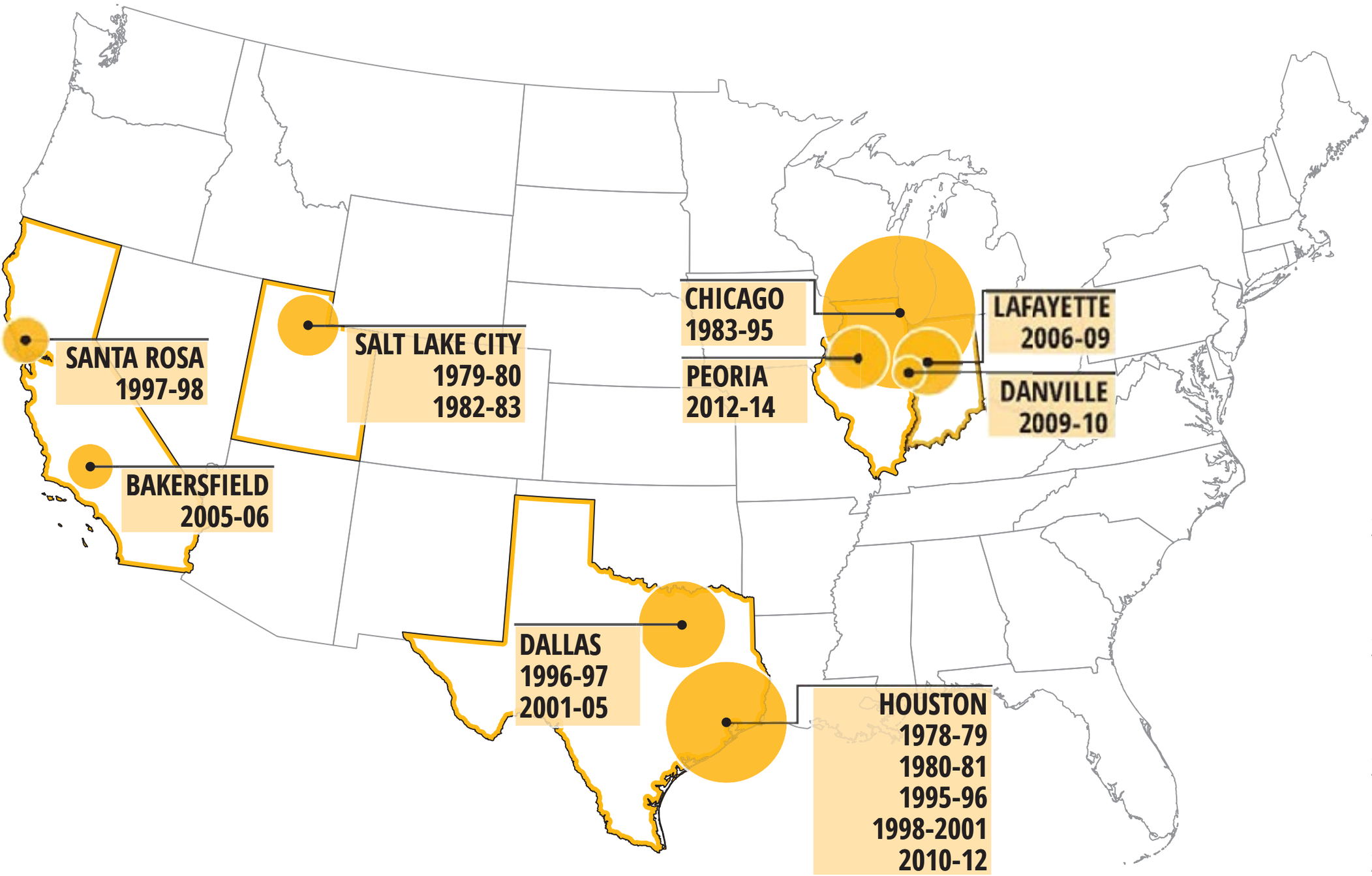
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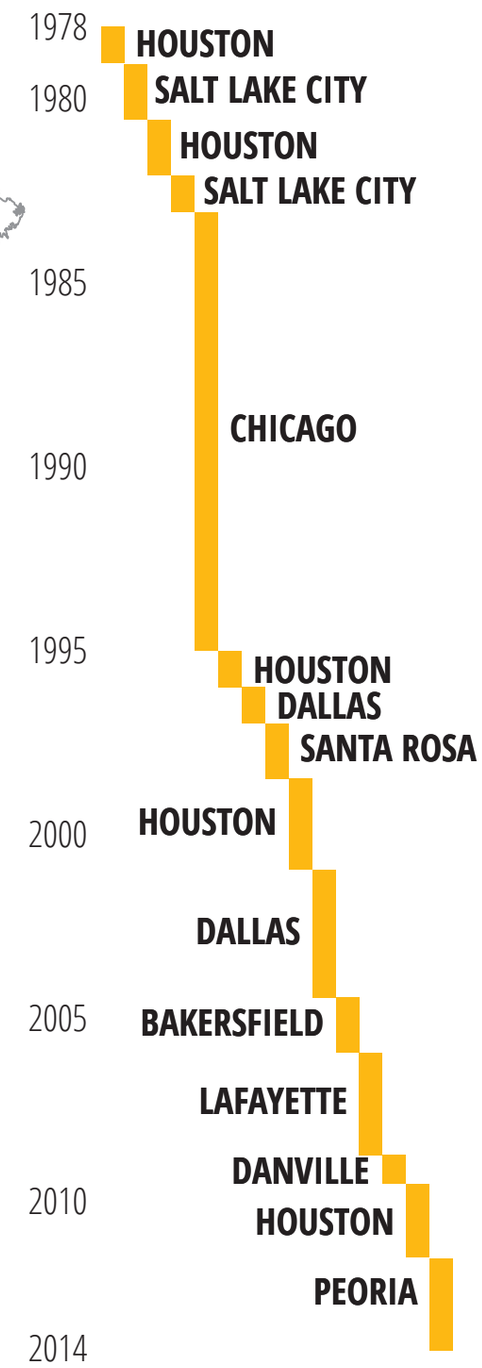
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Great Western Road Trip 2016

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— Visiting day

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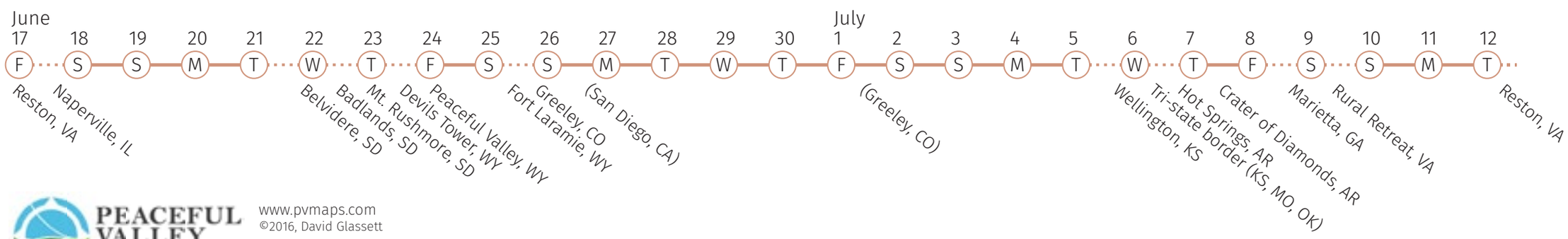

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