

WELCOME
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Overview

Brief Facts & History of:

- ❖ South Dakota
- ❖ Land-Grant Universities
- ❖ SDSU
- ❖ College of Engineering



South Dakota

South Dakota Facts:

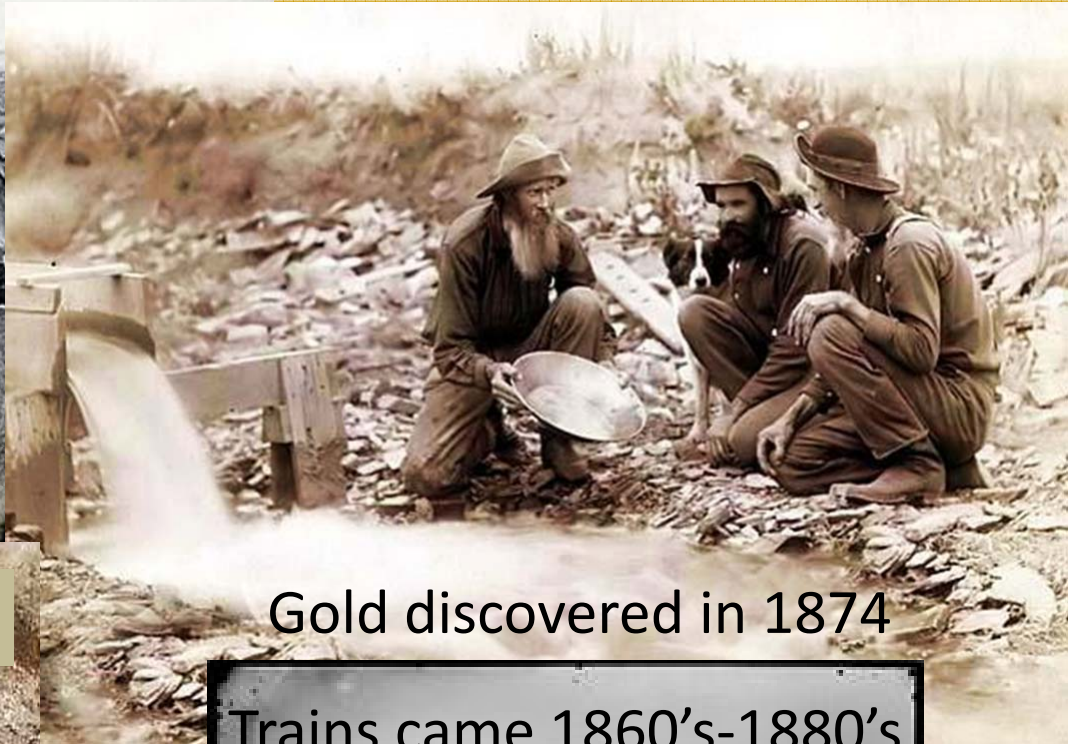
- area: 75,896 sq mi (16th)
- population: 800,000 (46th)
(\approx 10 people/sq mi)
- statehood: 1889 (40th)

Business/Economy:

- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Service (retail, finance, health care)
- Tourism



Native Americans: our first residents



With gold came many settlers

Gold discovered in 1874



Trains came 1860's-1880's

1862: US Homestead Act
brought many farmers/ranchers

Eastern SD prairie

“Pheasant capitol of the
world”

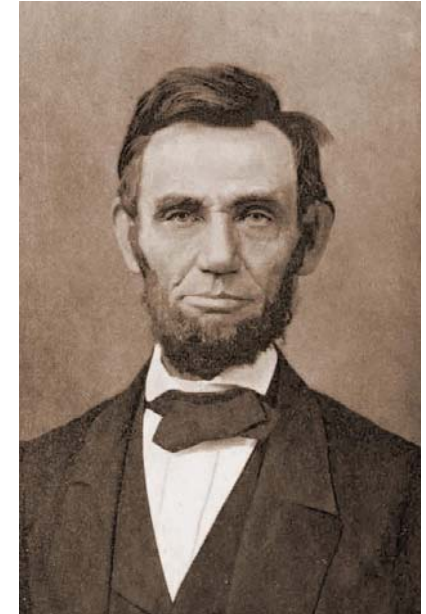
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Thousands of Bison still live in SD

We carve mountains--Mount
Rushmore

Land-Grant Universities

- Morrill Act of 1862 signed by President Abraham Lincoln to establish a “land-grant college” in every state/territory in USA
- Purpose: to provide broad access to public education in practical areas of importance to the United States (agriculture, “mechanical arts” and others)
- A common 3-part mission was established for all land-grant institutions: (1) teaching, (2) research, (3) outreach
- All states/territories of the U.S. have a land-grant university today—same 3-part mission remains today



SDSU Facts

- South Dakota's land-grant university started in 1881:
 - Agriculture
 - Engineering
 - Physics
 - Pharmacy
- Many changes since 1881, but today:
 - 7 academic colleges; 12,725 Students
 - BS, MS Ph.D. programs
 - Extensive research in many diverse areas
 - Extensive outreach/service to SD, USA and the world



College of Engineering Facts

- 6 departments, 8 majors
- BS, MS, Ph.D. programs
- 1,665 students (86% undergrad., 14% grad.)
- Primary research areas:
 - Satellite image calibration and validation
 - Alternative energy/power technologies
 - Transportation structures
 - Materials science—nanoscale to macroscale
 - Water quality and water treatment
- Research expenditures in FY2011: \$9.6 million





On behalf of SDSU and the College of Engineering, welcome to our campus. Thank you for the visit!

