# Banking 2.NO!

Why Learning From The Past Is Important For Our Future

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# "What are mankind's greatest inventions?"





#### Mesopotamia (5,000 BC)



#### United Kingdom (2,014 AD)



"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

**Edmund Burke** 

# Subprime Crisis 2007/08

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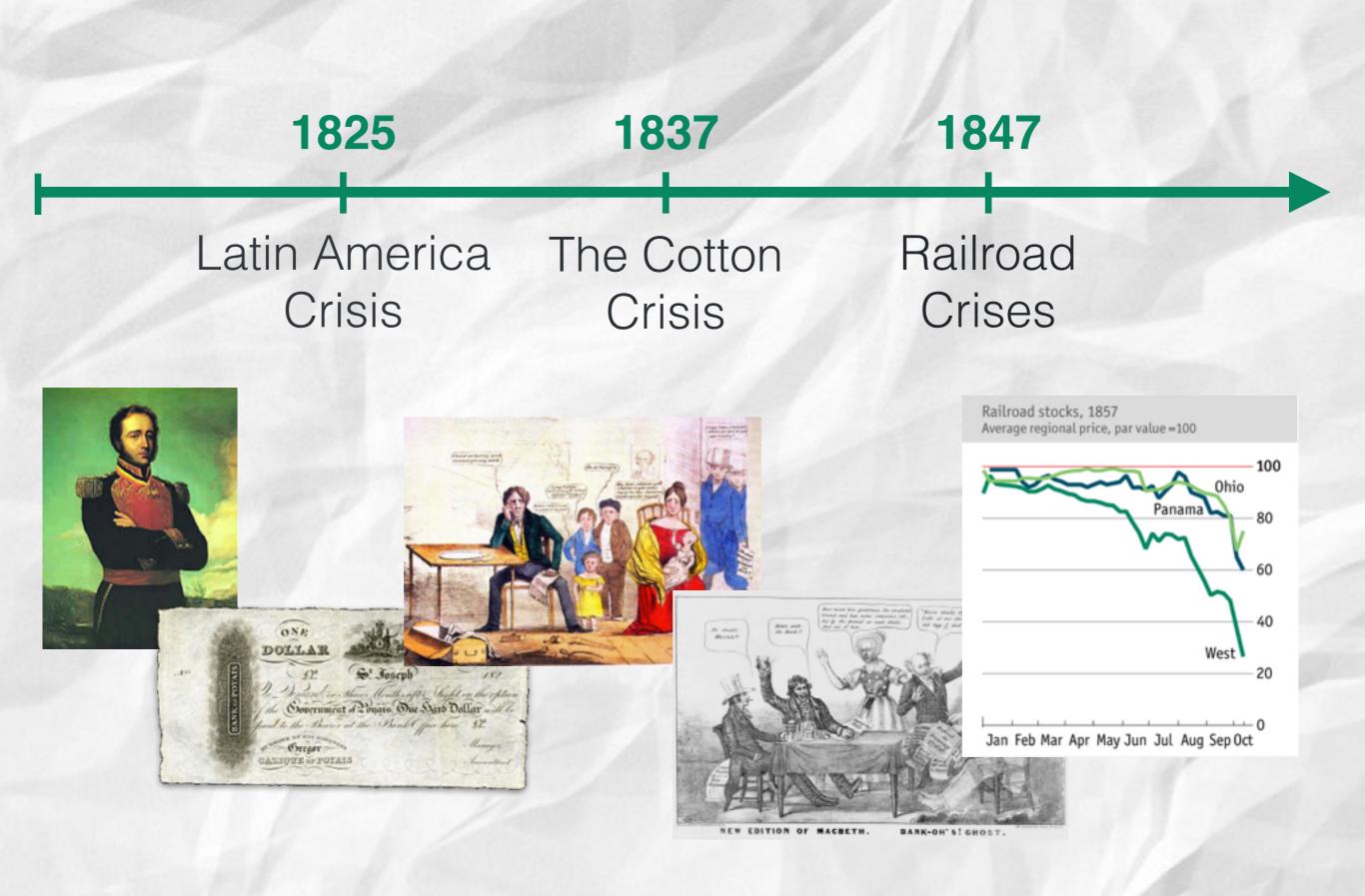


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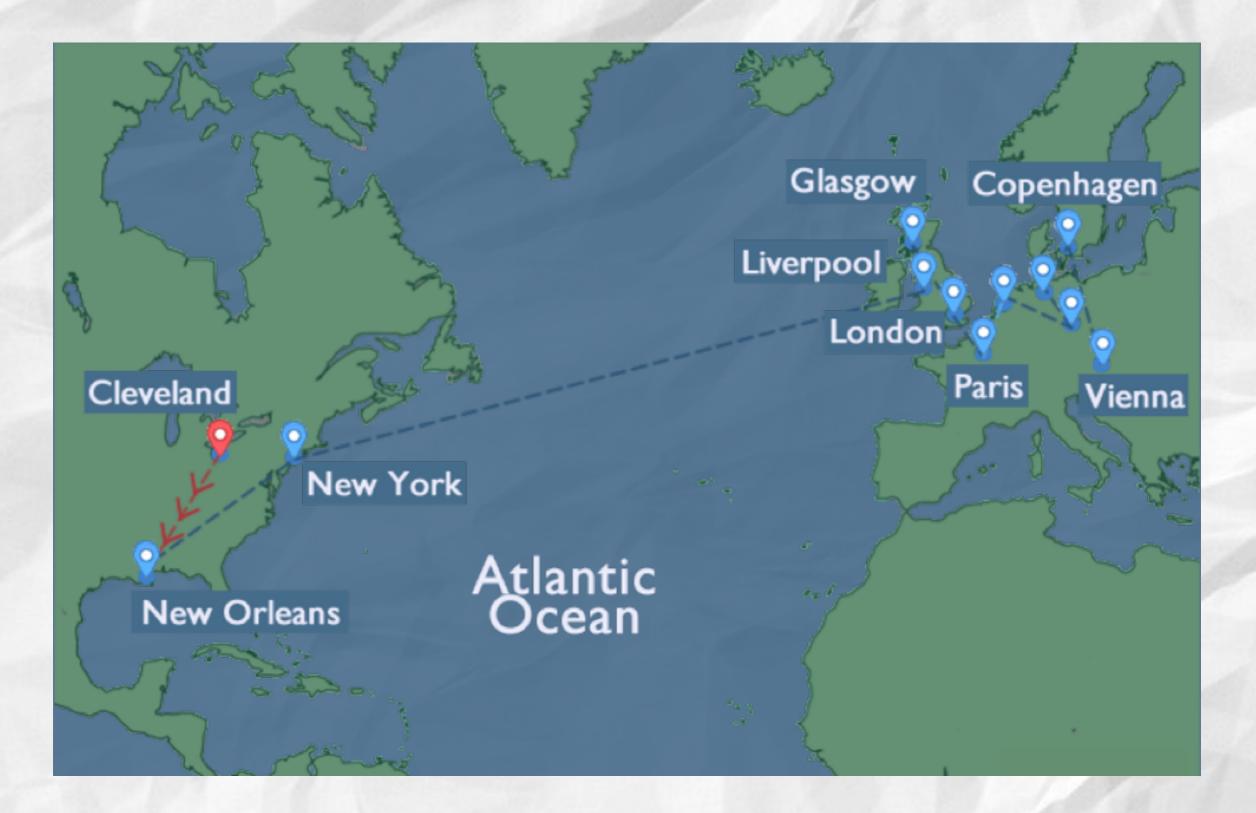
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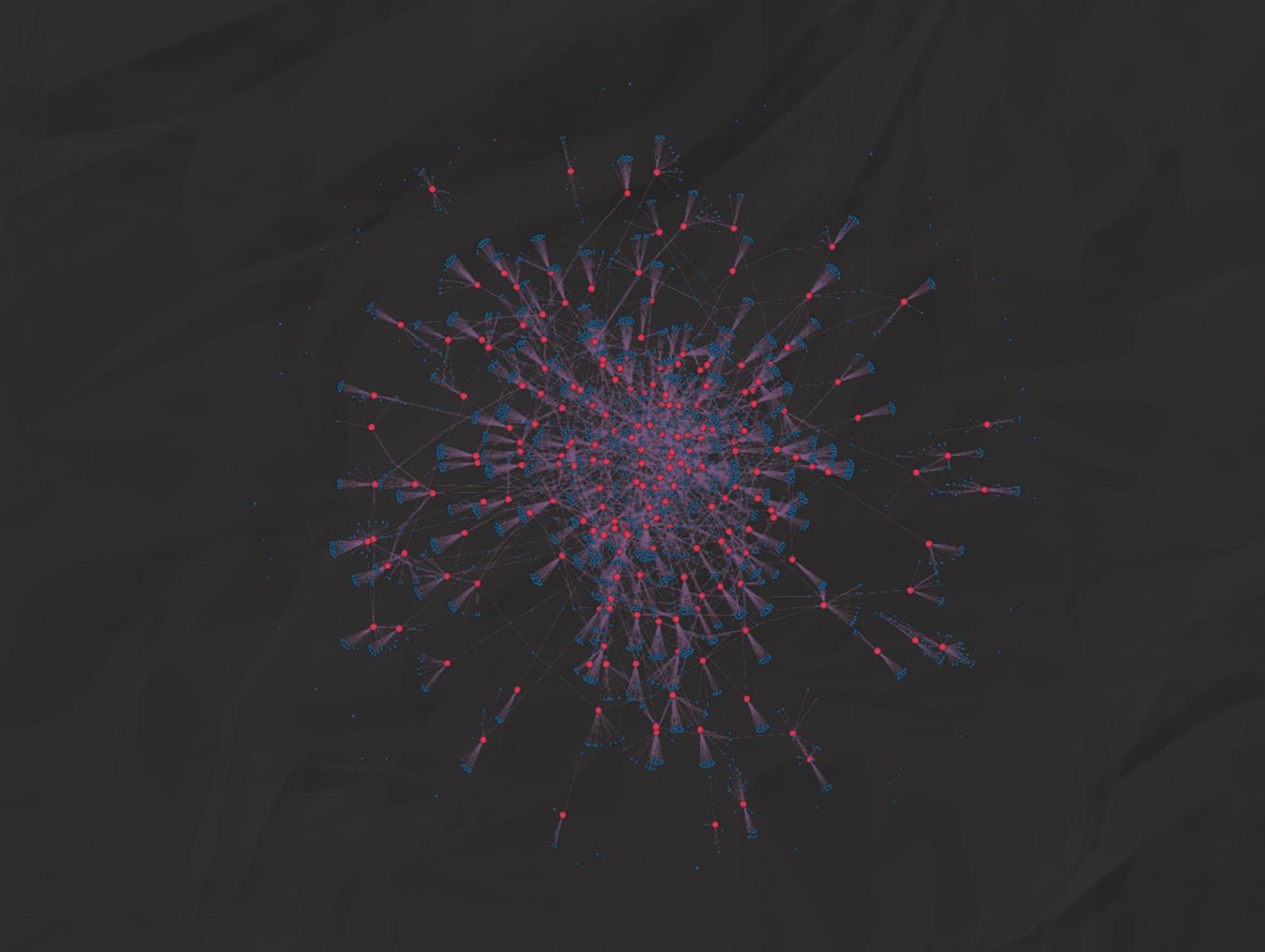
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### 1857: HyperConnected World



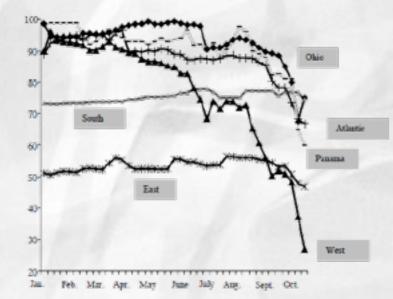


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Railroad stock indices, 1 March 1857-10 October 1857

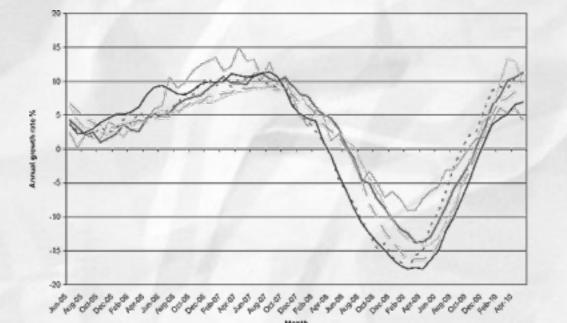


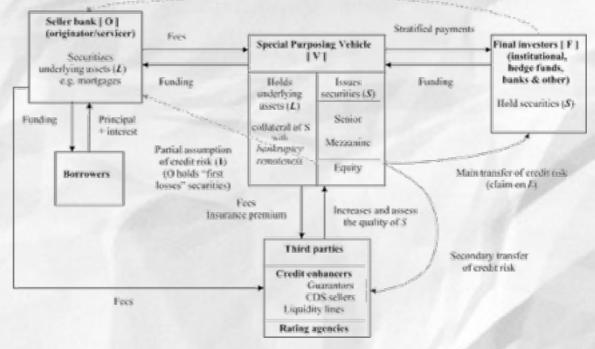


## Characteristics of 2007

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### A Cause of Crises

'Banks are prone to instability whenever shareholders do not face much risk because their liability is limited and their paid-up capital is low relative to deposits. When this is so, management will engage in riskshifting. They will lend excessively. They will gamble in riskier ventures.'

John Turner, "Banking in Crisis", 2014

### Ideas worth sharing

# Adequate incentives.

### Stringent regulation.

### Our history is our greatest resource