

Westward Expansion





The Land Ordinance of 1785

Purpose:

To organize western lands for sale to help pay off the United States' [Revolutionary] War debt

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Congress would set up western lands as follows:

- ✓ 36 sq. mile townships
- ✓ (1 square mile = 640 acre section)
- ✓ (each 640 acre section would be subdivided into four 160 acre plots)
- ✓ 1 section must be set aside for a public school (S)

36	30	24	18	12	6
35	29	23	17	11	5
34	28	22	S	10	4
33	27	21	15	9	3
32	26	20	14	8	2
31	25	19	13	7	1



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The Northwest Ordinance of 1787

Purpose:

- *This Act describes the plan for the admission of new states to the U.S.*
- *The Northwest Territory (present-day Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin) will be divided into 3 to 5 new states*
- *New states would have same rights & responsibilities as original 13*

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***NO SLAVERY WOULD BE
ALLOWED IN THE
NORTHWEST TERRITORY***

- This would be the first time that Congress would put limitations on slavery in the U.S. territories

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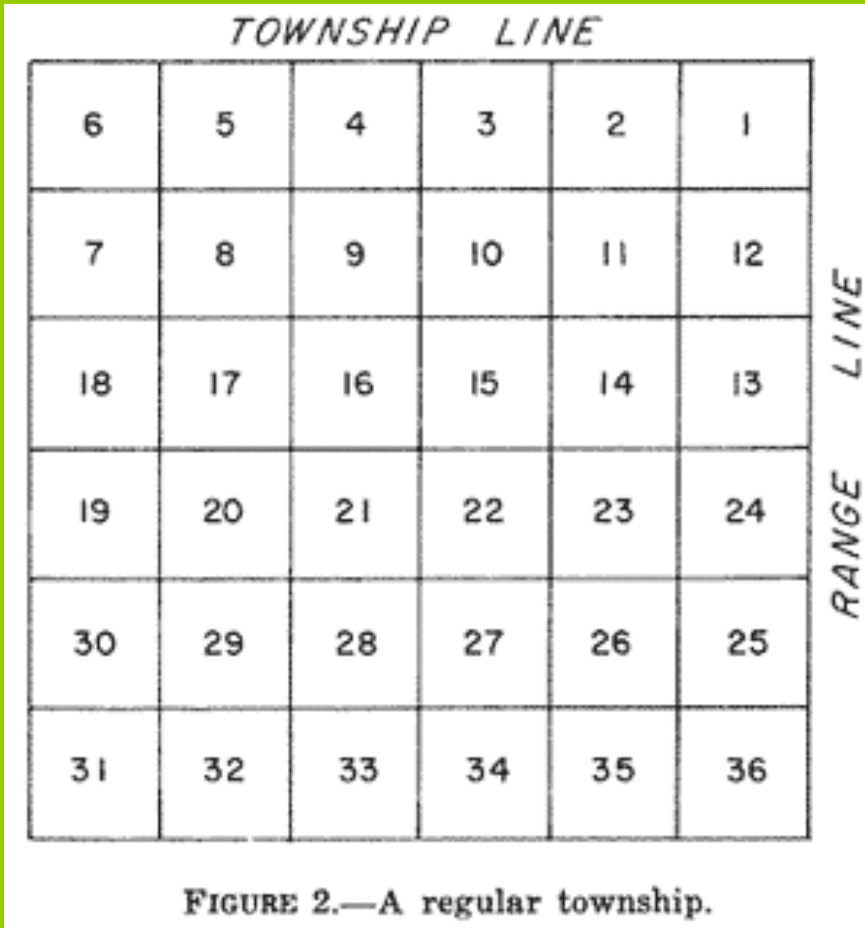
- When 5,000 Adult, White Males establish permanent settlement, the area would become an ORGANIZED TERRITORY
- The U.S. Congress would appoint:
 - A territorial Governor
 - A territorial Secretary (2nd in charge)
 - 3 Judges

The Voters of the territory would then choose a BICAMERAL LEGISLATURE

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- When the territorial population reaches 60,000 FREE people, the Territory would then SUBMIT THEIR CONSTITUTION TO CONGRESS & ASK FOR STATEHOOD
- The Territorial Constitution MUST INCLUDE provisions for:
 - Freedom of Religion
 - Trial by Jury
 - Free Public Education
- Congress can either APPROVE or REJECT admission

Today,...Public Land Survey System



- This is the current system used by the U.S. Gov't for surveying undeveloped areas
- Went into effect in 1796 with the appointment of a "Surveyor-General" of the U.S.
- *Boustrophedonical* – "ox turn" method