

# Admitting New States

<b>Land Ordinance of 1787</b>	<b>Northwest Ordinance (1787)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set up a system for settling the Northwest Territory (north of the Ohio River and East of the Mississippi).</li><li>• The territory would be surveyed and divided into townships.</li><li>• Each township would be 36 sections of one square mile each</li><li>• Congress would sell the sections to settlers for \$640 each.</li><li>• One section in every town was set aside to support public schools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set up a government for the Northwest Territory</li><li>• Guaranteed basic rights to settlers</li><li>• Outlawed Slavery</li><li>• Provided a way for new states to be admitted to the Union:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Once a territory had a population of 60,000 free settlers, it could ask Congress to be admitted as a new state</li><li>◦ Each new state will be on equal footing with the original states</li><li>◦ Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin were created from the Northwest Ordinance</li></ul></li></ul>

