

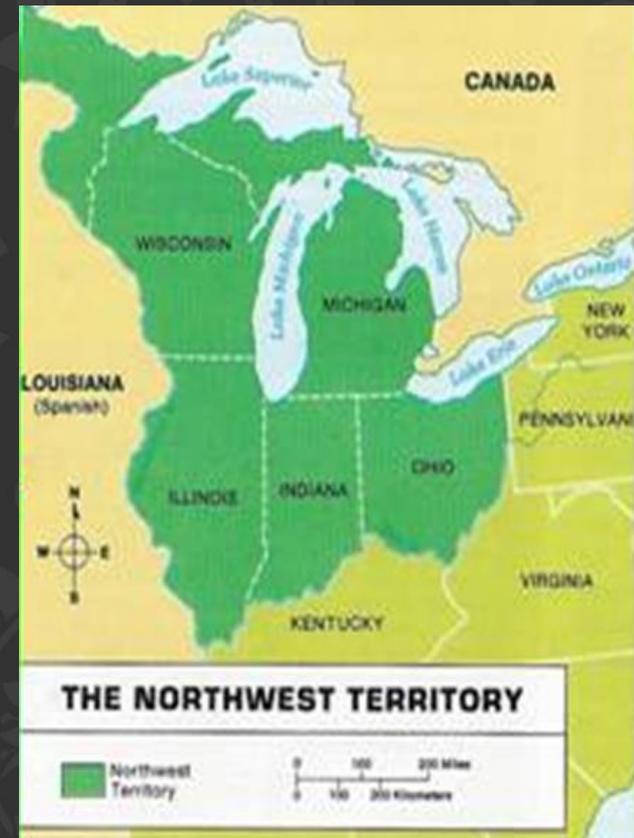
**THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY
REVIEW**

Northwest Territory

The United States gained a huge new area of land after the Revolutionary War.

The Ordinance of 1785 set down the procedure for dividing the new land up into existing states or creating new ones.

The Ordinance of 1785 also described how western lands were to be sold.

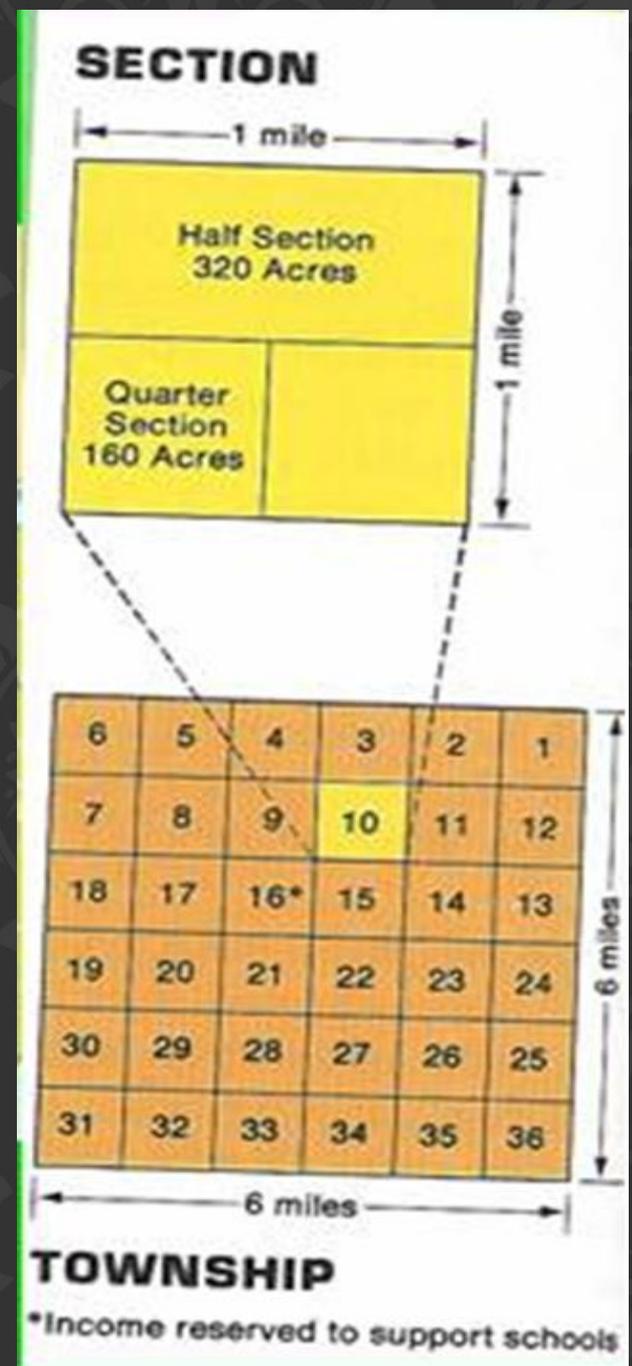


Land would be divided into government units called townships.

Each township was then divided into 36 one square mile sections which contained 640 acres.

Congress planned to sell each section for \$640 each.

One section was always set aside for a public school.



In 1787 the Northwest Ordinance created a single Northwest Territory.

The organization of the Northwest Territory was important because it created an orderly plan to settle a new area of the United States.



The Northwest Ordinance allowed:

Congress to appoint a governor, a secretary, and 3 judges to the territories.

A nonvoting member of Congress to be elected in the territories when the adult male population reached 5,000.

Territories to apply for statehood once the adult male population reached 60,000.

The Northwest Ordinance also:

Required that all newly admitted states have all the same rights and privileges of existing states.

Prohibited slavery in the territory.

Guaranteed the basic rights like freedom of religion, freedom of speech, trial by jury and so forth, to settlers.

