



THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE

The northwest ordinance tells how a territory could become a state. Read below to see what each territory needed to become a state!

SECTION 3

Congress will **appoint** (choose) a **governor** for each territory. This governor is in charge of the territory's government and citizens.

SECTION 4

Congress will **appoint** (choose) three judges for each territory. These judges will uphold the laws of the territory and the United States.

SECTION 12

Once the judges and the governor are all set up, the territory will create it's own state congress and will choose **a person to represent the territory to the US Congress**. This representative **can't vote** on laws in Congress though, not until the territory becomes a state! This person is known as a **non-voting delegate**.

SECTION 14 ARTICLE 5

To become a state, the territory must **apply** (ask Congress) to become a state. The territory should have a **population** (crowd) of 60,000 free men living in the territory to apply. Then, the territory must write a state **constitution** that has the same ideas and laws as the **US Constitution**.

DEFINITIONS

Governor: The group of people elected from each state that meet in Washington D.C. and vote on laws for the nation

Congress: The group of people elected from each state that meet in Washington D.C. and vote on laws for the nation

Delegate: A messenger. Someone who asks their state/territory what they need, and then goes to Congress to share those ideas

Population: the number of people living somewhere

Constitution: a document that says which laws and freedoms the citizens have

US Constitution: the document that tells how our government works protects the rights of all Americans



WHAT'S IT TAKE TO CREATE A STATE

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THE THREE C'S

Now that you've read the steps of the statehood process, look for the Three C's that territories needed to become a state. Write each "C" below and use one sentence to explain it.

C _____

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STATEHOOD CHECKLIST

Does the territory have what it takes to be a state? Look for the Three C's and any problems!

Territory name: _____

Where this territory located?: _____

Does the territory have the 1st "C" listed above? Yes ☐ No ☐

• Explain how:

Does the territory have the 2nd "C" listed above? Yes ☐ No ☐

• Explain how:

Does the territory have the 3rd "C" listed above? Yes ☐ No ☐

• Explain how:

Obstacles to becoming a state:
