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Chapter 5-Northwest Territory Vocabulary

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| constitution | A document that describes the system of government and founding principles of a state, nation, or organization. |
| Democratic ideals | Beliefs that support democracy, such as freedom, justice and equality. This law guaranteed that settlers living in the territory would have the same rights as Americans living in the original thirteen states. |
| veteran | men and/or women that fought in a previous war |
| ratify | to approve |
| population | the total number of people living in a particular area |
| Northwest Territory | The land given to the newly established United States after the Revolutionary War. It included lands located south of the Great Lakes, north and west of the Ohio River, and east of the Mississippi River. |
| Northwest Ordinance | The law that allowed Congress to divide the Northwest Territory into three to five separate territories. It also established governments for each territory, and specified how those territories could become states. It established a three-step plan for admitting state from the NW Territory to the US |
| statehood | The status of being a state. The NW Ordinance established a 3-step plan to statehood. |