**The Northwest Ordinance Student Worksheet**

Introduction:

The Northwest Ordinance was a law passed by Congress in 1787 to provide for government of the Northwest Territory, located north of the Ohio River and west of Pennsylvania to the Mississippi River. Soon after its passage, settlers flocked westward and created new towns and farms throughout the territory. In this activity, you’ll read some parts of the Northwest Ordinance. You’ll also look closely at the Northwest Territory on a map and read information on the map to find out what the land was like.

Answer these questions about the Northwest Ordinance:

1. How does Section 1 say the Northwest Territory will be divided?

2. According to Section 13, did the Northwest Ordinance intend for the Northwest

Territory to remain an official territory, or might it eventually be turned into new

states?

3. According to Section 13, what principles would form the basis of the territory’s laws?

4. According to the first sentence of Section 14, Article 4, what would be the

relationship between the Northwest Territory and the United States government?

5. How were the Indians in the Northwest Territory to be treated?

6. Was slavery allowed in the Northwest Territory?