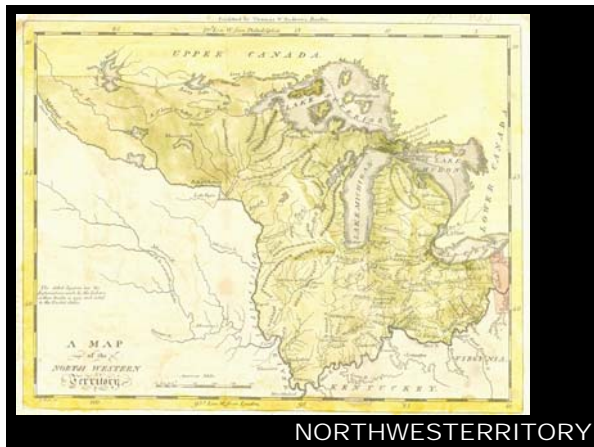



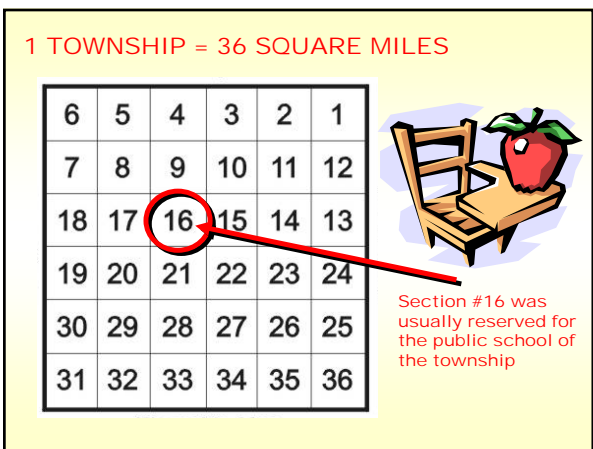
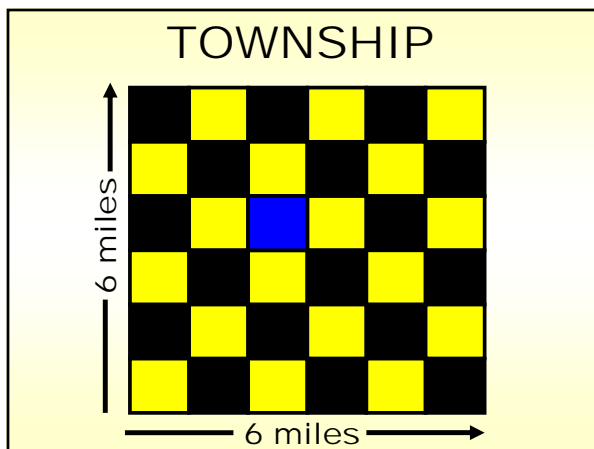
The United States gained a huge new area after the Revolutionary War

Now had to decide how to divide it up into existing states or new ones

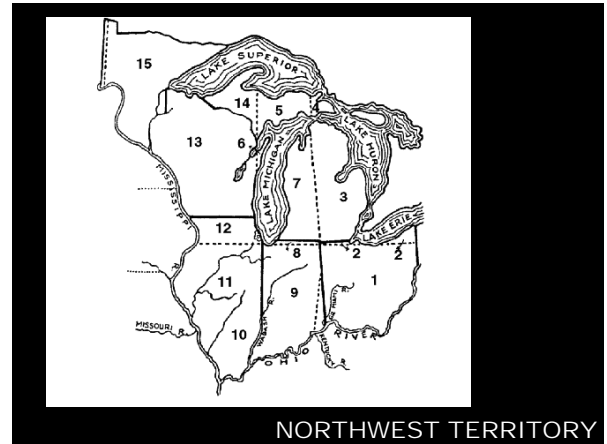


The Northwest Territory was surveyed into organized sections

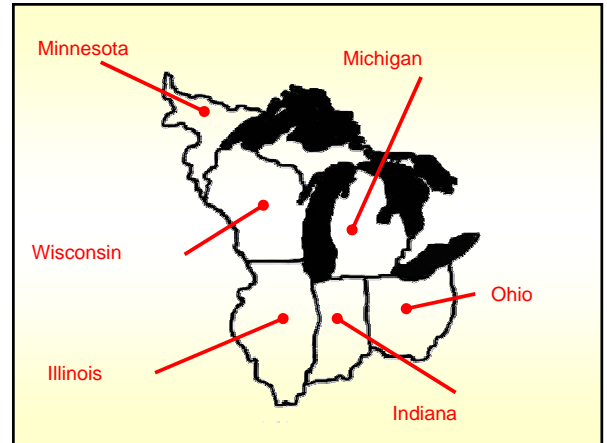
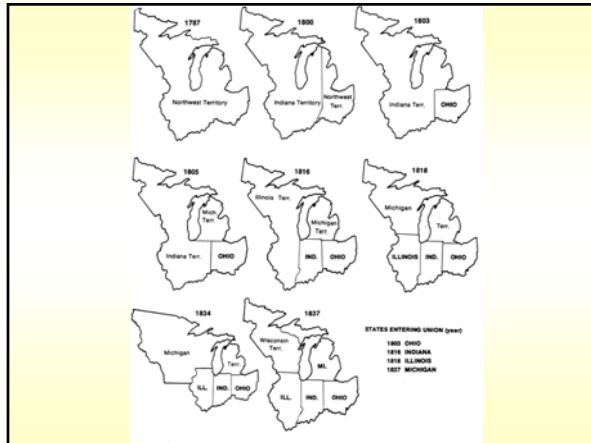
a TOWNSHIP was a 36 square mile area

The **NORTHWEST ORDINANCE** (1787) described how the Northwest Territory was to be governed. As the territory grew in population, it would gain the rights to self-government. When there were **5,000** free males in an area, men who owned at least **50** acres of land could elect an assembly. When they were **60,000** people, they could apply to become a new state.



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



SHAYS' REBELLION

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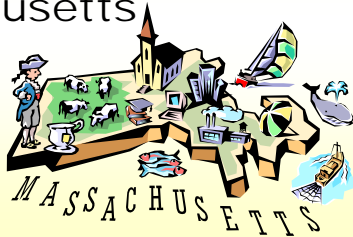
January of 1787



SHAYS' REBELLION

WHERE:

Massachusetts



SHAYS' REBELLION

WHY:

Farmers were upset about high taxes – if they could not pay taxes they were put in jail



Every state was having economic trouble in the mid 1780's

An average family paid \$200 a year in taxes – more than most people made in a year

DANIEL SHAYS leads a rebellion of about 1,500 men, mostly farmers

They are upset about paying high taxes and want debt relief from the government

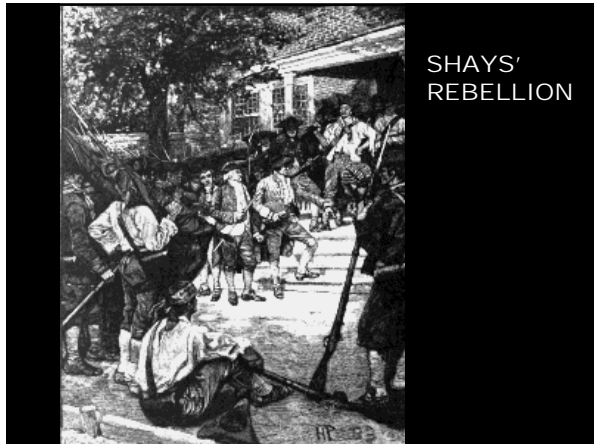
Government does not help them

They gather and march on a federal arsenal – a storage place for weapons

About 900 state militia men stop the uprising

The general public sides with the farmers

Very close to having chaos because of taxes




SHAYS' REBELLION

RESULT:

The uprising is stopped

Shays is pardoned years later

A small, stylized cartoon illustration of a building with a dome, possibly a government building, with an American flag flying on top. The building is surrounded by some greenery.

SHAYS' REBELLION

LASTING EFFECT:

America realizes they need a stronger national government if they are to survive as a country.

