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**Democratic Ideals/Values Taken from**  
**The Northwest Ordinance of 1787**

Our core democratic values are the constitutional beliefs of America Society which unite all Americans. These values are found in the following documents: *The Declaration of Independence*, *The United States Constitution* and the *Northwest Ordinance of 1787*.

They also are found in some famous and important speeches (like MLK's *I Have a Dream...*) and in other writings of the nation. Below are some of our nation's core ideals/values that are found in the Northwest Ordinance.

1. **Freedom of Religion:** people have the right to practice their religious or worship beliefs in a peaceable and orderly manner.
2. **Public Education:** schools and education should be encouraged for all. Everyone will have the opportunity to be educated.
3. **Fair Treatment of Indians:** the Indians will be treated in a fair and just way.
4. **Trial by Jury:** if a person is accused of committing a crime, he/she will have the right to a trial with a jury of their peers.
5. **No Slavery:** no slavery will be allowed in the new territory. However, if a slave runs away and enters into the new territory, that slave may be lawfully reclaimed and returned to the person claiming his labor or service.