

Steps to Statehood Created in the Northwest Ordinance

1. The U.S. government would appoint a group of leaders to govern the people in the territory (governor).
2. When the population reached 5,000 free men, the people of a part of the territory could elect (vote for) political leaders to govern them.
3. When the population reached 60,000, that part of the territory could be admitted as a state.