

Analyze the Northwest Ordinance of 1787

Directions: In the table below you will find excerpts from the text of the Northwest Ordinance. In the column next to the excerpts, write the meaning of the text in your own words.

Article	Text Excerpt	Meaning
1	<i>"No person, demeaning himself in a peaceable and orderly manner, shall ever be molested on account of his mode of worship or religious sentiments in the said territory."</i>	
2	<i>"The inhabitants of the said territory shall always be entitled to the benefits of Habeas corpus, and of the trial by jury; of a proportionate representation of the people in the legislature; and of judicial proceedings according to the courts of the common law."</i>	
3	<i>"Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."</i>	
5	<i>"And, whenever any of the said States shall have 60,000 free inhabitants therein, such State shall be admitted, by its delegates, into the Congress of the United States, on an equal footing with the original States in all respects whatever, and shall be at liberty to form a permanent constitution and State government:"</i>	
6	<i>"There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said territory, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."</i>	