

RECKONIN' THE RECTANGULAR SURVEYING SYSTEM

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DESCRIPTION:

Before Thomas Jefferson proposed a land ordinance, in 1784, which would provide for a more exact method of surveying, the land was surveyed in irregular shapes.

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RELATED SUBJECTS: geography, American history, social studies, world history

MATERIALS NEEDED:

4-6 Reproduced map of the United States showing latitude and
 longitude from an atlas

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students color in sections 15, 21, and 22 and label them "Reserved for Congress 1796." On section 16, use a third color and label it "Reserved for education, Land Ordinance of 1787."

Another variation would be to have the students draw the Geographer's



