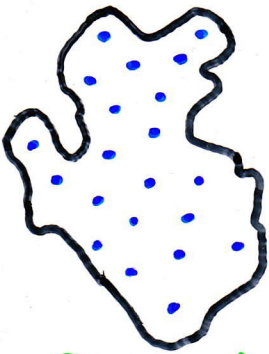
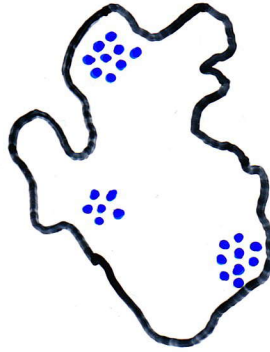


Settlement Patterns

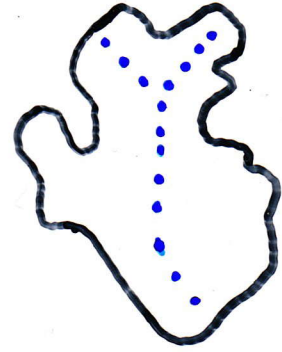
⇒ Canada's population is not distributed evenly across the country
⇒ There are three types of distribution patterns:



Dispersed



Concentrated



Linear

- ⇒ **Dispersed** patterns are found in areas that have a strong agricultural base
- ⇒ **Concentrated** patterns occur in areas where resources, economic opportunities and population are focused in small areas
- ⇒ **Linear** patterns are found along major transportation routes such as roads, railways and rivers

Factors That Affect Rural Settlement Patterns

- (1) The type of resources found in the area
 - ↳ resources related to agriculture, forestry, mining and fishing
- (2) Transportation methods that were available at the time of settlement
 - ↳ transportation by water, roads and eventually railway
- (3) The role of government policy in the settlement
 - ↳ policies that controlled which land would be settled; the size and shape of farms, the pattern of roads; the location of towns, schools or churches