

<b>Physical Factors</b>	
<b>Reasons for High Density</b>	<b>Reasons for Low Density</b>
<p><b>Relief:</b> lowland areas which are flat are easier to farm, build settlements and transport links.</p> 	<p><b>Relief:</b> mountainous areas are too steep to farm easily, difficult to build on and get around easily.</p> 
<p><b>Climate:</b> moderate climate with enough rain and warm temperatures to allow crops to grow.</p> 	<p><b>Climates:</b> Very cold, very hot or very dry climates can affect the growing season and make growing crops difficult. It can also make it unpleasant to live there.</p> 
<p><b>Vegetation:</b> Areas of open woodland and grassland make it easier to develop settlements.</p> 	<p><b>Soil:</b> Thin, rocky or acidic soils all result in difficult farming conditions.</p> 
<p><b>Accessibility:</b> areas with easy access to transport (and therefore trade).</p> 	<p><b>Accessibility:</b> empty areas of large countries can be far away from large settlement meaning it can take a long time to access other places.</p> 

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**Resources:** plenty of natural resources such as water, wood, coal, oil and copper enable areas to develop and sustain a population.

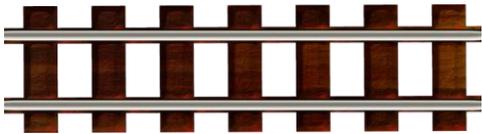


**Resources:** few natural resources make it difficult for a country to trade, make more money and sustain a population.



### Human Factors

**Economic:** Good trade links, large markets for trade, good infrastructure such as roads, railways as well as skilled workers.



**Economic:** Poor trade links and markets, poor infrastructure with few roads and services. This limits job opportunities for people who live there.



**Social:** Some groups of people prefer to live together. Some people prefer urban environment.



**Social:** Some groups of people prefer to be more isolated. Some people prefer rural environments.



**Political:** Stable and fair government.



**Political:** Unstable governments and civil wars.



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