

# LOCATION FACTORS

**What are the factors that determine where a person will choose to locate?**

- **CLIMATE:** People wish to live in an area that is favourable (not too hot, cold, dry or wet) and climates that are suitable for growing food.
- **PHYSICAL LANDSCAPE:** People tend to settle in areas that are flat and suitable for agriculture.
- **WATER:** People usually settle near water, which is used for recreation, transportation of goods, farming and industries. It is also essential to life!
- **RESOURCES:** People like to settle where there are natural resources (oil, wood, fish, etc)
- **POLITICAL:** People like to settle in areas that have stable governments (safety).
- **SOCIAL/CULTURAL:** People tend to settle in areas where there are family or similar ethnic groups, as well as in areas that are not isolated.
- **ECONOMY:** People prefer to settle in areas where there are many jobs available and opportunities to make money.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** People tend to settle close to areas that offer good transportation services (major highways, bus services, etc).
- **SERVICES:** People tend to settle in areas where there are many services (grocery stores, entertainment activities, hospitals, schools, etc).



