



## Challenge Yourself

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- 6** Below are two maps of Maryland. The map on the left shows how the human population of Maryland is distributed. Most of the population lives along the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. This is also the area where many of the original settlers first came to live. The map on the right is a relief map of Maryland. It shows which areas are mountainous and which are not. It also indicates a few of the major rivers.

**Maryland Population**



*The darker the color, the more people live in an area.*

**Maryland Relief Map**



*The lighter the color, the more hilly or mountainous an area.*

Explain why Maryland's population has historically settled in the areas in which it has. In your explanation, be sure to include

- the major resources available in the area where most people settled
- the needs those resources help people meet
- other factors which would have attracted early settlers to Maryland

