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Homework Questions:

1. The Russian North is considered relatively densely populated compared to other circumpolar regions. Explain.
2. Who was the resettlement program aimed at and why? What were the demographic groups that did participate in Abramovich's resettlement program?
3. Authorities were surprised at the low uptake of the resettlement program. Demographer Tim Heleniak observed that people use an 'informal cost-benefit analysis' to decide when to migrate and that there is delayed migration planned. What factors were used by people in their private cost-benefit analysis?
4. What were the problems with the resettlement program?
5. What was life like for those who left Chukotka as part of the resettlement program?