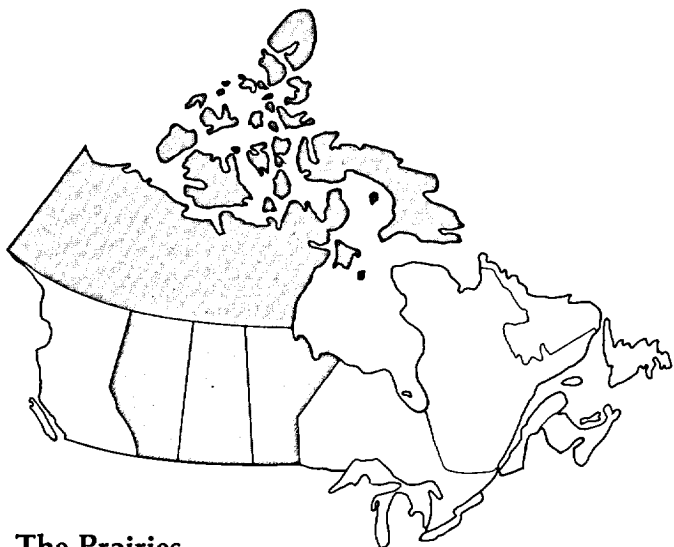




The Prairies

The prairie provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba comprise 1 963 200 km² of surprisingly varied terrain — plains, mountains, badlands, lake country, forest, tundra and a saltwater port. This diversity is matched by the region's kaleidoscopic population, many of whose ancestors were early settlers from eastern Europe, especially the

