## EXPLORING POPULATION

Part A: Complete the tables below.

1. Our Town
2. Our State

| Year | Census Population |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1960 |  |
| 1970 |  |
| 1980 |  |
| 1990 |  |
| 2000 |  |
| 2010 |  |

3. Our Country

| Year | Census Population |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1960 |  |
| 1970 |  |
| 1980 |  |
| 1990 |  |
| 2000 |  |
| 2010 |  |

Part B: Plot the data from Part A. Use a colored pencil and straight edge to connect each point creating a line graph.




Part C: Use the data from Parts $A$ and $B$ to estimate the populations for the years below.

1. Our Town

| Year | Census Population |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1965 |  |
| 1975 |  |
| 1985 |  |
| 1995 |  |
| 2005 |  |

2. Our State

| Year | Census Population |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1965 |  |
| 1975 |  |
| 1985 |  |
| 1995 |  |
| 2005 |  |

3. Our Country

| Year | Census Population |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1965 |  |
| 1975 |  |
| 1985 |  |
| 1995 |  |
| 2005 |  |

Explain how you found these estimates.

Part D: Use a different colored pencil to plot the values you found for each of the years in Part C on the graphs you made in Part B. What do you notice about these points?

## Part E: Conclusions

What must be true about the year you are estimating the population for to use your method from Part C?

- Definition:
- Formula:

