

# THE SOVEREIGN STATE

# Features of a State

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# Population

a body of people,

# Territory

living in a defined space,

# Sovereignty

with the power to make and enforce laws  
without having to check  
with any higher  
authority,

# Government

and with an  
organization to do this.

# Four Roles of Government

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When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Army



**When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer:** Kids under 14 can't work



Kids under 14  
can't work

When each example appears, tell where it should go on the graphic organizer: Sheriff



**When each example appears, tell where it should go on the graphic organizer:** People have freedom of speech





When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Highway Patrol



When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Veterans' hospital



When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Navy



**When each example appears, tell where it should go on the graphic organizer:** The voting age is 18



When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Air Force



When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Schools



When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: F.B.I.

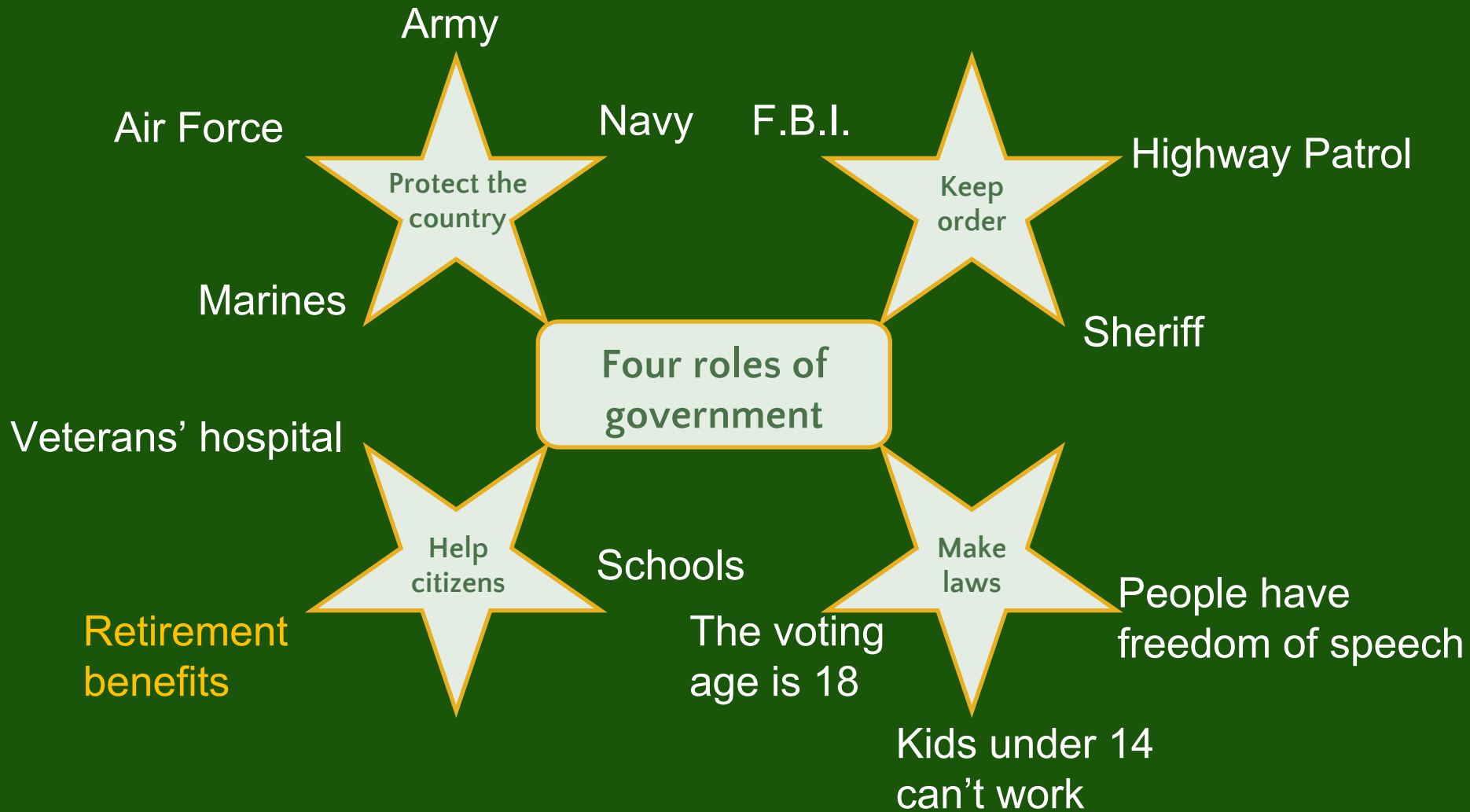


When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Marines

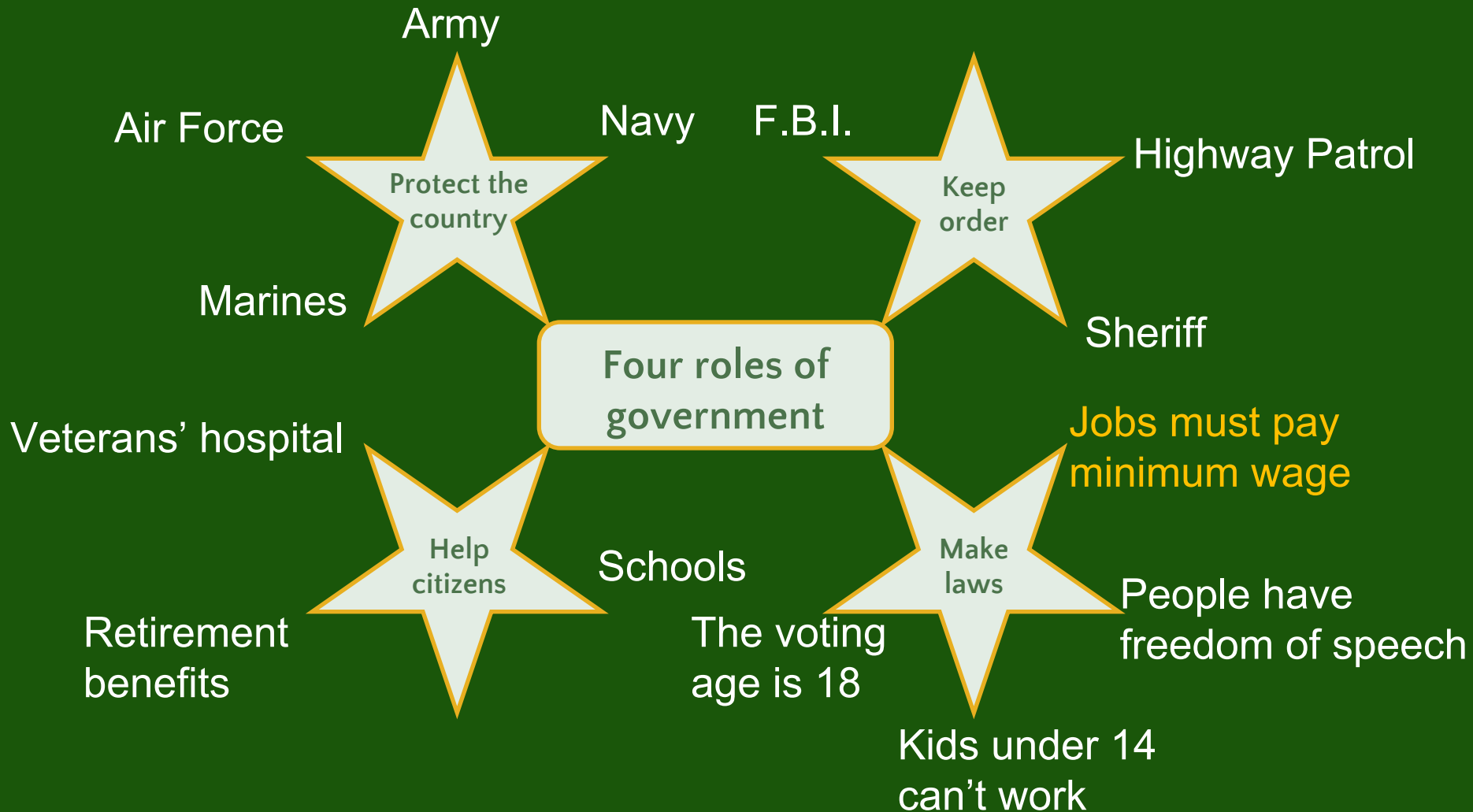




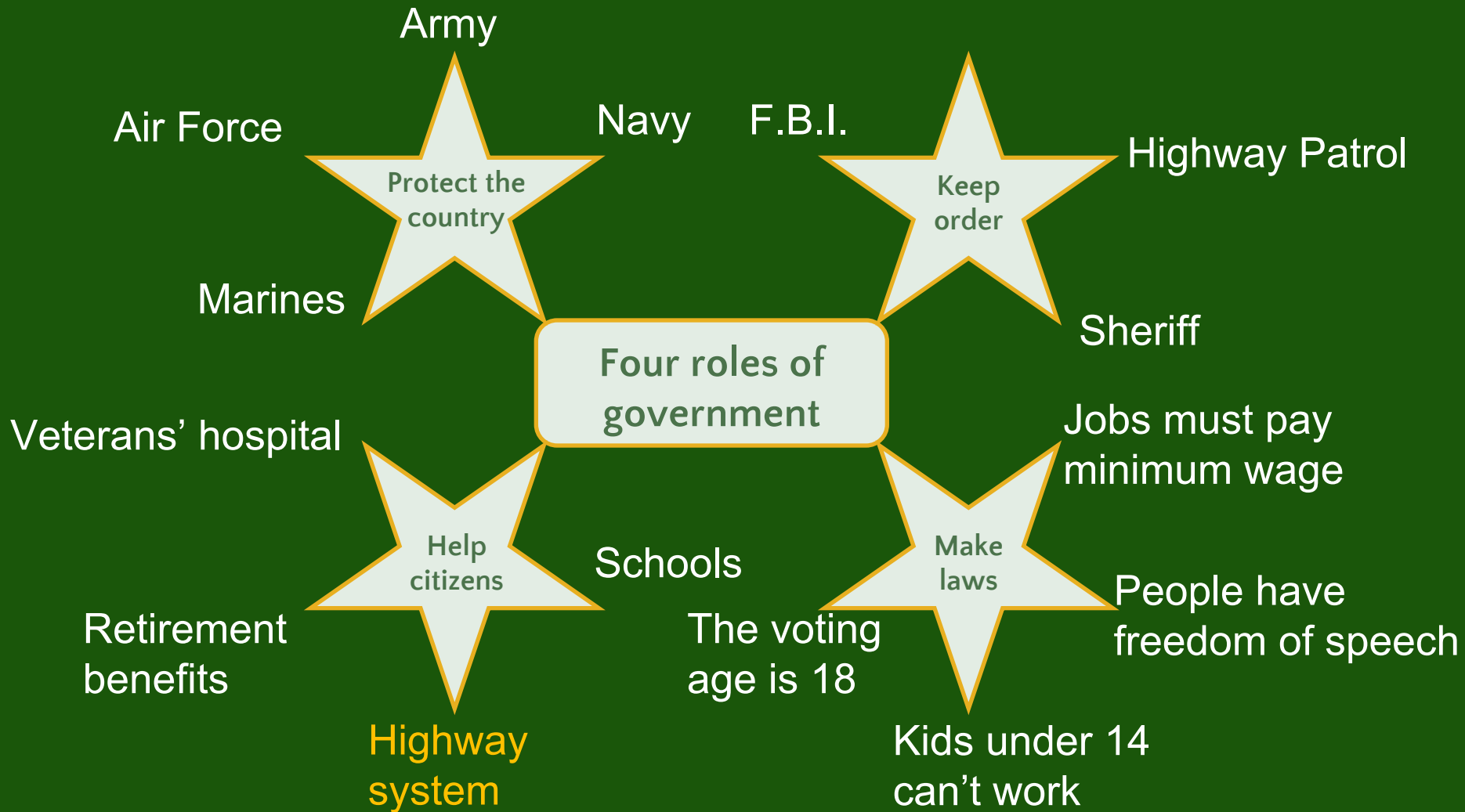
When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Retirement benefits



**When each example appears, tell where it should go on the graphic organizer:** Jobs must pay minimum wage



When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Highway system



When each example appears, tell where it should go  
on the graphic organizer: Police



Is

THAT

a

STATE?

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# Is THAT a STATE?

Is the United States  
just one big state?



➤ Does it have a population?

YES

NO

➤ Does it have a territory?

YES

NO

➤ Does it have sovereignty?

YES

NO

➤ Does it have government?

YES

NO

# Is THAT a STATE?

What about “states” like  
Connecticut or Georgia?  
Are they states?



➤ Do they have a population?

YES

NO

➤ Do they have a territory?

YES

NO

➤ Do they have sovereignty?

YES

NO

➤ Do they have government?

YES

NO

The 50 states can't make  
laws that go against the  
U.S. Constitution...



They have a higher  
authority above  
them!





# Mini Quiz

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# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

A state can't have less than  
30,000 people.



# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?



*Monaco has only  
27,000 people!*

# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

The boundaries of a territory  
can change.



# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

Can you name the three ways that boundaries change?

- War
- Negotiation with other countries
- Purchasing land from other countries



# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

Sovereignty means that you  
have to check with someone  
above you.



# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

Just the opposite!  
Sovereignty means  
there is NO ONE  
above you!



# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

Government only exists to  
keep order and provide  
security.





# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

What are the four roles that governments have?

- Protect the country
- Make laws
- Keep order
- Help citizens



# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?

The 50 states that make up the USA are not considered independent “states.”



# THUMBS UP or THUMBS DOWN?



*That's right! They  
don't have full  
sovereignty!*