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**Characteristics of a State in Your Home**

As you know, every state, or country, has four things: **population, territory, government, and sovereignty**. Did you know that your home operates as its own little country? To help you understand the four characteristics, answer the following questions:

1. *Government*
   1. Who are the “officials” in your home?
   2. What are 3 of your “laws” at home? (Example: bedtime is at 9pm)
   3. How do they take care of “national security” in your home?
   4. How do they take care of “economic growth”?
2. *Territory*
   1. What is included in the “territory” at home?
   2. What are your “clearly defined boundaries”?
3. *Population*
   1. What is the population of your home?
   2. What is the number of your population the “officials” have governance over?
4. *Sovereignty*
   1. Do your “officials” have to ask permission from anyone to change laws in your home? Why?
   2. Do your “officials” have to answer to anyone else (does anyone have authority over them)?