

Explaining key events and changes in the USA unit

This resource gives you the key reasons to explain why events / changes happened in the USA, 1929 – 2000.

It should help you with Q4 and Q5 in particular:

Q4 = Explain = give reasons

Q5 = How far do you agree / to what extent...? Asks you to compare one factor against others.

These diagrams identify the key reasons connected to a major event / change. These could be the reasons / factors you include in your answers if these topics come up. Make sure you can add some supporting evidence to each factor and say WHY each reason was important (This caused change BECAUSE...)

Roosevelt

- New Deal
- Second New Deal
- Alphabet Agencies
- Increased morale / encouraged spending

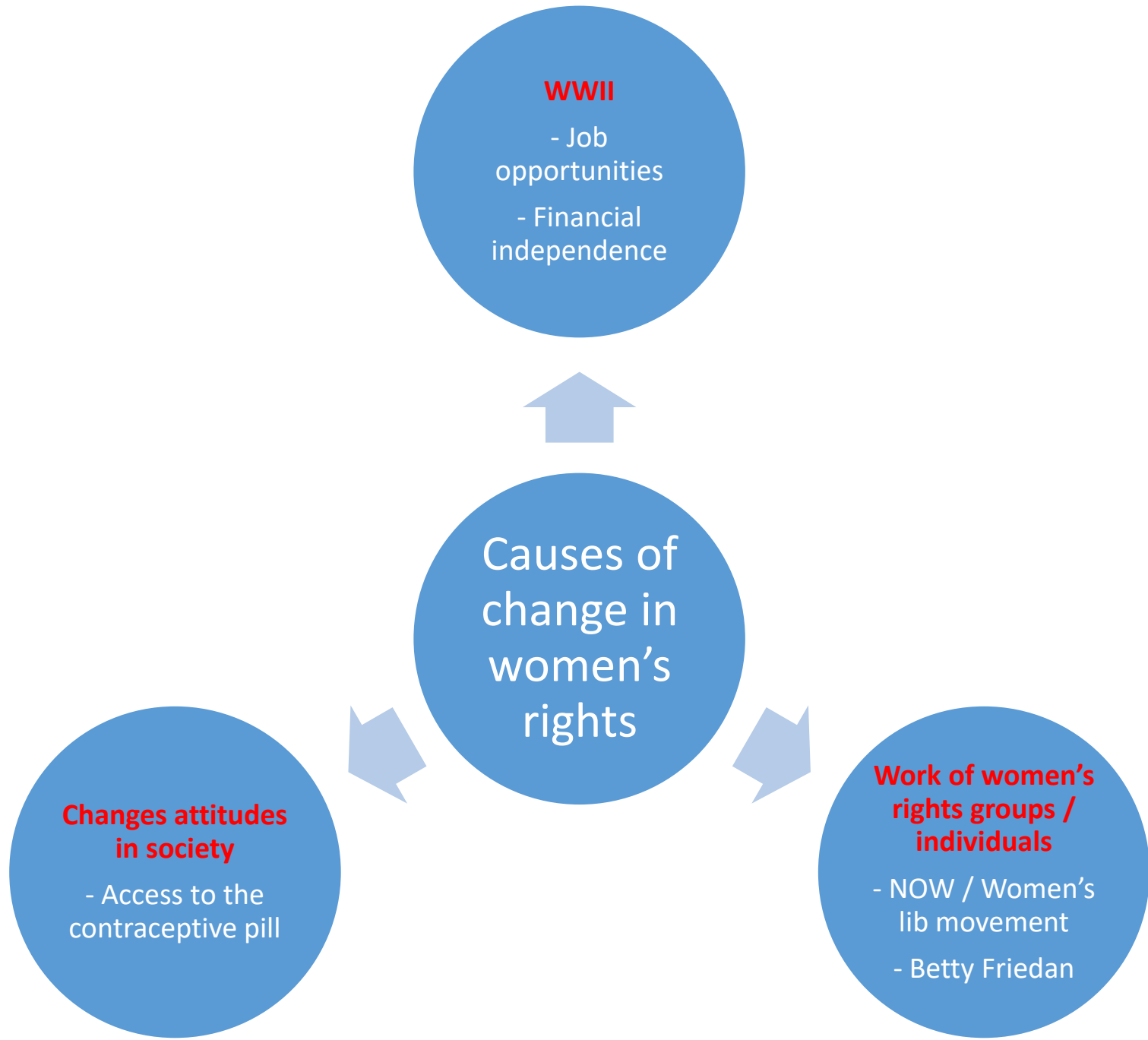
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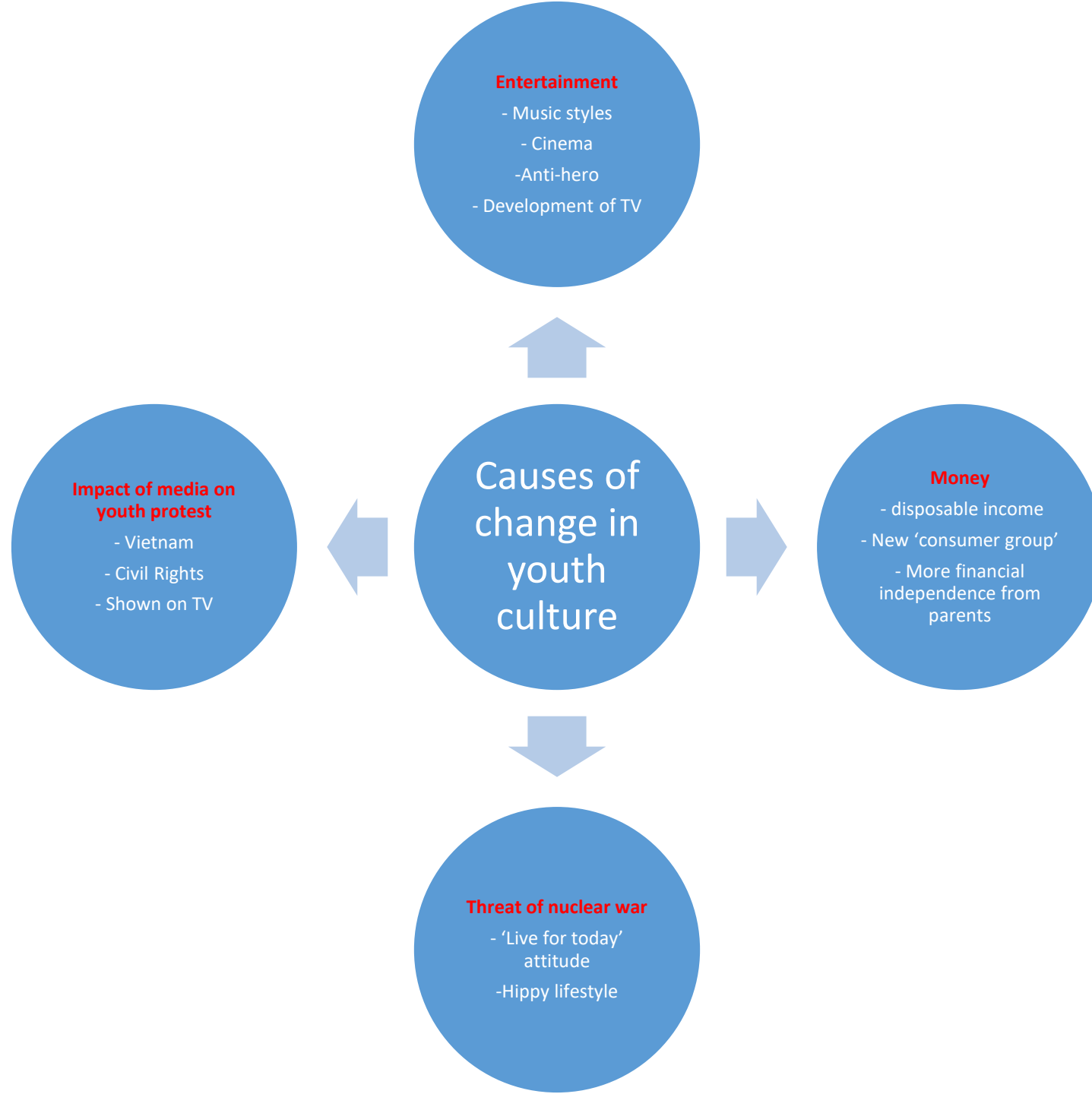
- Rugged Individualism
- Early policies
 - Cut taxes
- Agricultural policies

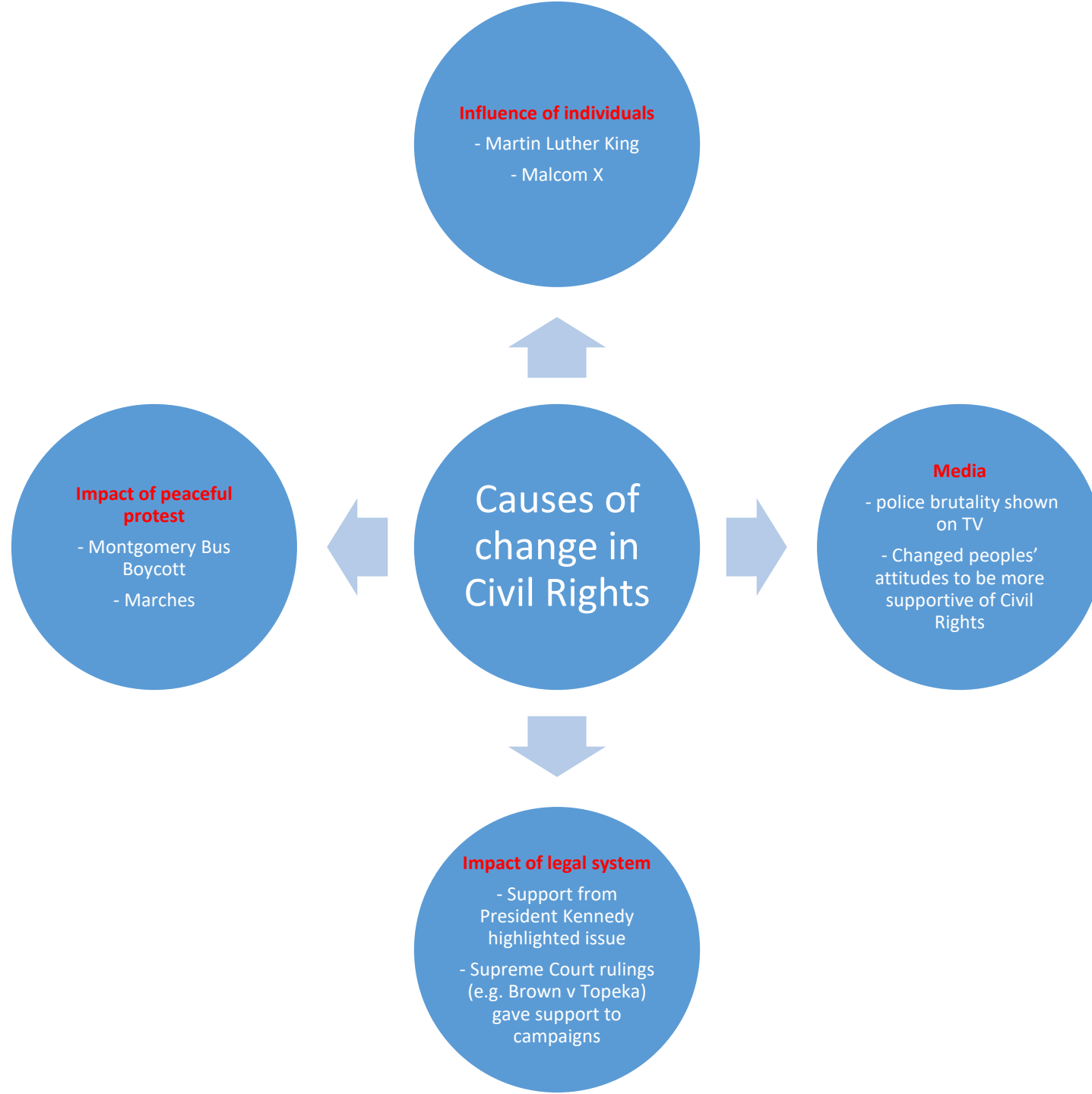
Causes of the end of the Great Depression

World War Two

- Increased industrial output in war industries
- Creation of jobs – conscription and in factories
- Increased spending on luxury items- more money put back into the economy.







**Differing ideologies –
Communism and Capitalism**

- Roosevelt replaced by more anti-communist Truman

Lack of common enemy

- Breakdown in relationship Yalta and Potsdam.
- Disagreement – what to do with Germany.

Causes of Cold War



Policy of Containment

- Widespread poverty in Europe after WW2 – concern of Truman that these countries are vulnerable to communism (Domino Theory)
- Truman doctrine/Marshall Plan.

Arms Race

- Suspicion over atomic bomb.

