People of Ancient Rome

When only one group knows the laws.

**Patricians**

The ruling men of Rome for as long as anyone could remember:
- knew the laws
- could be magistrates (judge court cases)
- could take important, powerful jobs
- owned land
- owned slaves to work for them.

The Patricians had to:
- fight for Rome
- pay taxes
- help rule Rome.

**Plebeians**

Ordinary freemen like farmers and tradesmen:
- could own land and slaves.

The Plebeians had to:
- fight for Rome
- pay taxes.

But Plebeians:
- did not know what the laws were
- could not get the important, powerful jobs
- could not outvote Patricians.

**Women** were not allowed:
- into the place laws were made
- they could not vote and had no say at all about laws.

**Slaves:**
- had to obey their owners
- had no say at all.