There were far more Plebeians than Patricians in Ancient Rome.

But only the Patricians could make the laws.

The Plebeians wanted
• a say in making laws
• to know what all the laws were.

So they said

"We will not work to help the Patricians any more."
"We will not fight any more wars for Rome."
"We will leave Rome and start our own city."

The Patricians needed the Plebeians so they were forced to give:

**Tribunes**
Plebeian men who could stop a law being made and protect any Plebian in a law court

**The Twelve Tables**
The laws of Rome written down for everyone to see

Finally ... Plebeians were allowed to:
• make up laws in the Assembly
• have the powerful jobs (be Magistrates and Consuls)
• be Senators.