British law arrives in Australia with the First Fleet

Aboriginal Australians had lived here for more than sixty thousand years under their own customs and laws when the First Fleet arrived in 1788 under the control of Governor Arthur Phillip.

Governor Phillip’s job was to set up a penal colony or gaol in Australia and he had orders that British law was now to be the system of law in Australia.

1,480 people came on the First Fleet:

**Officials**
- Governor Phillip
- military officers
- a doctor
- a chaplain
- a surveyor

**Soldiers**
- 213 marines
- 27 wives and children

**Convicts**
- 586 men
- 192 women
- 13 children of convicts

Who sailed on the First Fleet?