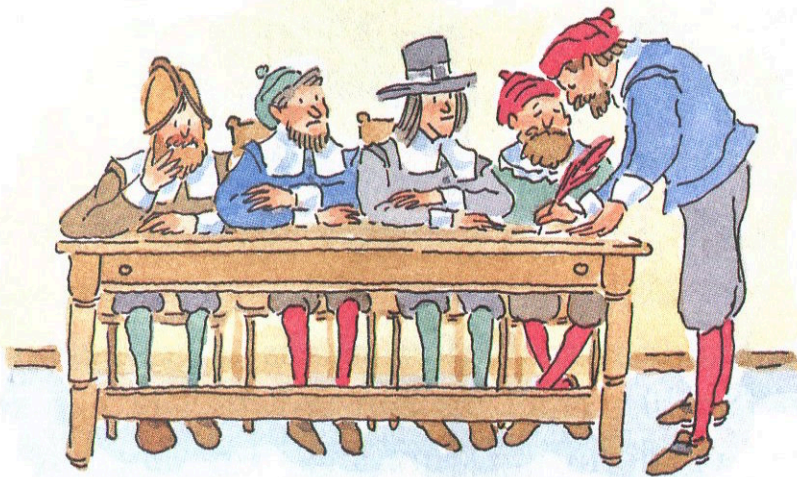


*What were the first laws the Pilgrims made—even before they left the ship?*

In the Great Cabin of the *Mayflower*, the Pilgrims drew up an agreement. It was the first set of laws in America that said the majority should rule. It was called the Mayflower Compact.



The Mayflower Compact promised fair laws. It gave the people the right to choose their own leader.

Forty-one men signed the Mayflower Compact. Then they voted to have their governor, John Carver, be governor again for the next year.