

SOCIETY

DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

- What are the best and the worst things about your country?
- Can a government make a better society? How?
- Are we more or less civilized than we were in the past?
- Is there anything you would like to change in our society?

Fact file

Thomas More (1478–1535) was an English lawyer, philosopher and writer. He was also a statesman and advisor to English King Henry VIII. More was a supporter of the Catholic faith, and when he refused to accept the King's new Protestant religion, he was tried for treason and beheaded. It is not clear whether More wrote *Utopia* to show that a better society could be possible, or, by setting it in a far-off land, to show that a perfect society is desirable but not achievable.