

HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

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Questions

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2	The holiday honors the contributions of American _____.
3	Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as a common Labor Day celebration? A. Barbecues B. Parades C. Gift giving
4	The Industrial Revolution occurred in the late _____.
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9	The _____ Strike was the catalyst for making Labor Day a federal holiday.
10	Labor Day became a federal holiday in what year?
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Answers

7-20-19-20-19-18-20-7

Can you decode the secret word?

Answer:

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Labor Day is a national holiday in the United States, celebrated every year on the first Monday in September. It honors the contributions of American workers and recognizes the importance of fair wages, safe working conditions, and reasonable hours. Today, many people enjoy Labor Day with parades, barbecues, and a long weekend marking the end of summer. But the holiday began with a much more serious purpose.

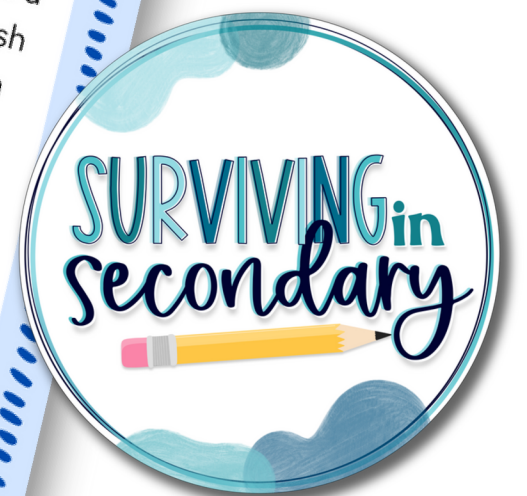
In the late 1800s, the Industrial Revolution brought major changes to how people worked. Factories, railroads, and mines needed large numbers of workers. Many workers, including children, worked 10 to 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week. They were often unsafe and exhausting. Wages were meager, and conditions were often unsafe and exhausting.

Better treatment, workers began to form labor unions. A labor union is a group of workers who join together to speak up for their rights. Unions helped push for better pay, shorter hours, and rules against child labor. When workers joined together, they had more power to negotiate with employers.

Employers did not like unions and tried to stop workers from organizing. These efforts were known as union busting. Some companies fired workers who joined unions. Others hired private security or strikebreakers to break up strikes. These actions created tension between workers and employers, and sometimes led to violence.

In 1892, the first Labor Day parade took place in New York City. Workers marched in support of labor rights. Over the next several years, more states began recognizing Labor Day. But it wasn't until 1894 that the Pullman Strike, that the federal government declared a national holiday. The strike was led by Eugene V. Debs, and it ended in tragedy.

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