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THE HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

Labor Day is a holiday that honors the hard work and achievements of workers. It is celebrated on the first Monday in September in the United States.

More than 100 years ago, many workers had long hours and difficult jobs. They worked in factories, farms, and mines. Workers wanted safer workplaces, shorter workdays, and fair pay. Many people joined together to ask for better working conditions.

Because of these efforts, Labor Day became an official holiday in 1894. Today, people celebrate by spending time with family and friends, enjoying parades, and thanking workers for everything they do. Labor Day reminds us that every job is important and that workers help make our communities stronger.

Answer in complete sentences.

1.) Why do we celebrate Labor Day?

2.) What kinds of jobs did many people have long ago?

3.) What were two things workers wanted to improve?

4.) How do many families celebrate Labor Day today?

5.) Why are workers important to our communities?

