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WHAT IS LABOR DAY?

Labor Day is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the first Monday in September.

It honors workers and the many jobs people do to help their communities.

During the late 1800s, many workers had long hours and unsafe working conditions.

Workers joined together to ask for better treatment, safer workplaces, and fair pay.

Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 to recognize the contributions of workers.

Today, people celebrate Labor Day with family gatherings, parades, picnics, and community events. The holiday also marks the unofficial end of summer for many families.

Questions:

1.) When is Labor Day celebrated?

2.) What does Labor Day honor?

3.) Why did workers join together in the late 1800s?

4.) In what year did Labor Day become a federal holiday?

5.) Name two ways people celebrate Labor Day today.
