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# LABOR DAY READING

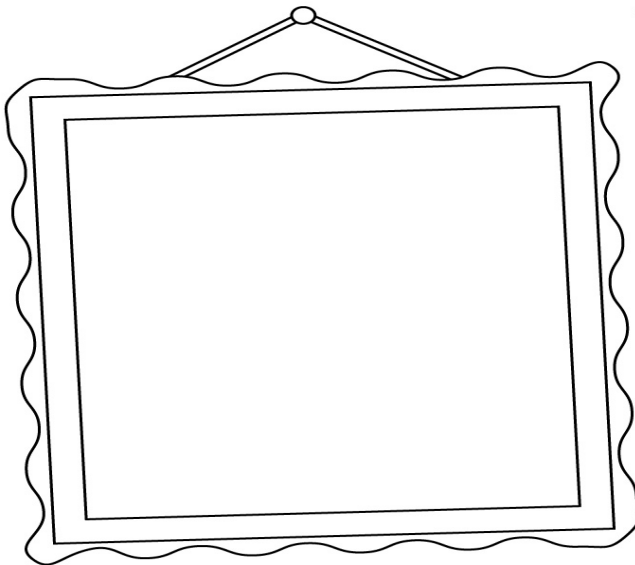
Answer the question.

A long time ago, American workers were forced to work in really bad conditions. They were paid very little, and they often had to work really long work days. Men, women, and even kids were forced to work... even when they were sick!

Workers were tired of being treated badly, so they wanted to get paid more and work shorter workdays. They also tried their best to get rights for children not to work.

A man named Peter McGuire rallied 100,000 workers to go on strike. They demanded a better work environment. In 1894, Congress passed a law making Labor Day a national holiday for workers to not have to work that day. They could spend their day having barbecues, going on vacation, going on a picnic, or just resting and relaxing at home.

However you want to spend your Labor Day, just remember that it's a time to say **THANK YOU** to all of the workers who have helped make America the great nation that we live in today.



This is me. When I am a grown up, I will help contribute to America by being a \_\_\_\_\_

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