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LABOR DAY READING

Answer each question.

Labor Day is a time when friends and families gather for end of summer celebrations, but there is more to Labor Day than late summer fun. Labor is a national holiday celebrated on the first Monday of September. This holiday honors the American labor movement. This movement was led by people who fought for fair working conditions for all laborers, or workers, in our country.

Years ago many workers faced harsh conditions, working long days with very little pay. Even young children worked in dangerous factories and coal mines. The workers decided to fight for their rights. They formed groups called labor unions who demanded better working conditions and higher pay. In 1894 Congress voted to declare Labor Day a national holiday to recognize the importance of workers' rights. Today people often gather for Labor Day parades and picnics to celebrate this holiday which holds a special meaning to workers throughout our country.

What does Labor Day honor?

When do we celebrate Labor Day?

How do people celebrate Labor Day?

In what year did Labor Day become a national holiday?