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# LABOR DAY READING

Answer each question.

Labor Day is a national holiday in the United States that celebrates the hard work of people who have jobs. It started over 100 years ago to honor workers and the important role they have in building and running our country. The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882. It was inspired by leaders of the Labor Movement such as a man named Matthew Maguire, who worked hard to make sure workers were treated fairly.

The Labor Movement was formed in the late 1800s. Workers wanted fair practices and better things like weekends and buildings joined together to make sure everyone had the right to work hard and spend time with their family. They wanted safer places to work and better wages. Labor leaders formed organizations and groups to help each other and speak up about their needs. Thanks to the Labor Movement, we now have important rules that help protect workers and make it possible for everyone. In 1894, Labor Day was declared an official holiday by President Grover Cleveland.

Today, Labor Day is always celebrated on the first Monday in September. Many people enjoy this day as a time to relax and have fun with family and friends. They may attend parades, go to picnics, or watch fireworks. It is a time to think about the progress that has been made for workers and people everywhere who have jobs. It is a great day to celebrate hard work and appreciate the things we have because of it!

Who declared it an official holiday?

When was the first Labor Day celebrated?

What was the Labor Movement?

How do we celebrate it today?