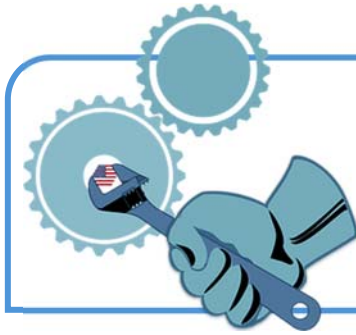


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Heroes Of Hard Work

Directions: Read the passage below about the beginnings of Labor Day. Then, answer the comprehension questions that follow using complete sentences.

In the late 1800s, American workers began demanding better treatment in their jobs. Many people worked long hours in unsafe factories for very little pay. Groups of workers, known as **labor unions**, started to form to fight for fair wages and safe working conditions. They organized marches and strikes to make their voices heard.

In 1882, the first Labor Day parade took place in New York City. Thousands of workers proudly walked together, carrying banners and celebrating their unity. The event inspired other cities to honor workers too. By 1894, Labor Day became a **national holiday**, giving people across the country a chance to rest and recognize the importance of every worker's contribution to society.

Today, Labor Day reminds us that progress comes from teamwork, fairness, and respect for all who work hard to build a better world.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Why did workers in the late 1800s begin forming labor unions?
2. What was the purpose of the first Labor Day parade?
3. In what year did Labor Day become a national holiday?
4. What values does Labor Day celebrate today?
5. How can students show appreciation for workers in their community?