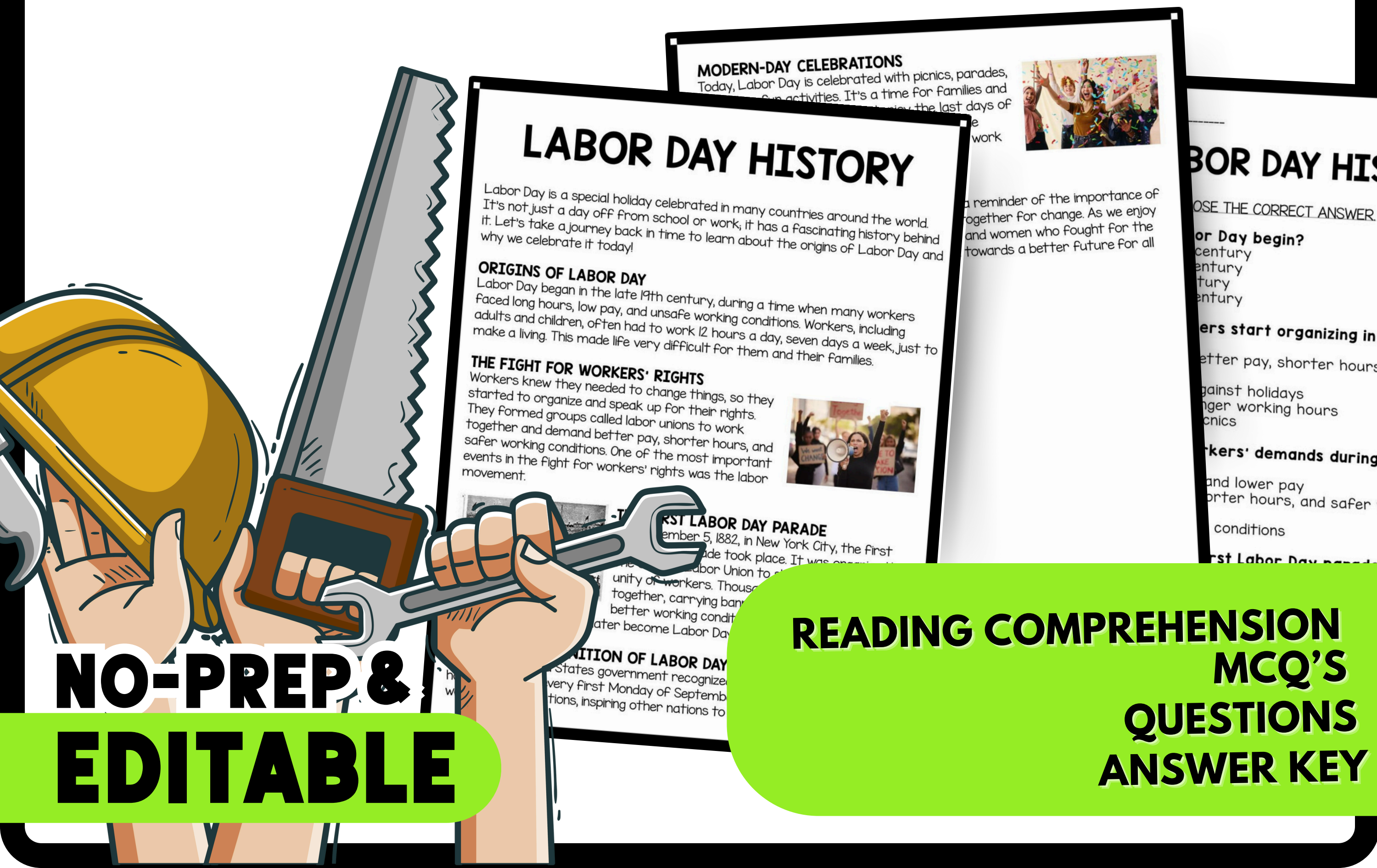


# Labor Day

# HISTORY

## READING COMPREHENSION



### LABOR DAY HISTORY

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#### ORIGINS OF LABOR DAY

Labor Day began in the late 19th century, during a time when many workers faced long hours, low pay, and unsafe working conditions. Workers, including adults and children, often had to work 12 hours a day, seven days a week, just to make a living. This made life very difficult for them and their families.

#### THE FIGHT FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS

Workers knew they needed to change things, so they started to organize and speak up for their rights. They formed groups called labor unions to work together and demand better pay, shorter hours, and safer working conditions. One of the most important events in the fight for workers' rights was the labor movement.



#### FIRST LABOR DAY PARADE

On September 5, 1882, in New York City, the first Labor Day parade took place. It was organized by the Central Labor Union to honor the contributions of the working class. Thousands of workers participated, carrying banners and flags, demanding better working conditions. This event eventually led to the establishment of Labor Day as a national holiday.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF LABOR DAY

The United States government recognized Labor Day as a federal holiday on September 8, 1894. It is celebrated every first Monday of September. This recognition was a result of the efforts of labor unions and the public's growing awareness of the importance of workers.

#### MODERN-DAY CELEBRATIONS

Today, Labor Day is celebrated with picnics, parades, and family activities. It's a time for families and friends to enjoy the last days of summer and the fruits of the workers' efforts.



### LABOR DAY HISTORY

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

When did Labor Day begin?

- 19th century
- 20th century
- 21st century
- 18th century

Why do workers start organizing in the late 19th century?

For better pay, shorter hours

Against holidays  
For longer working hours  
For picnics

What were workers' demands during the labor movement?

For better pay and lower pay  
For shorter hours, and safer  
For picnics

What were the conditions like in the late 19th century?

First Labor Day parade

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### THE FIRST LABOR DAY PARADE

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beginning of what would later become Labor Day.

### OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF LABOR DAY

In 1894, the United States government recognized Labor Day as a national holiday, ensuring every first Monday of September as a day off to honor workers' contributions, inspiring other nations to adopt their own versions.

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### MODERN-DAY CELEBRATIONS

Today, Labor Day is celebrated with picnics, parades, and other fun activities. It's a time for families and friends to come together and enjoy the last days of summer. But it's also a time to remember the struggles of the past and to honor the hard work and sacrifices of workers around the world.



### CONCLUSION

Labor Day is more than just a day off; it's a reminder of the importance of workers' rights and the power of standing together for change. As we enjoy this holiday, let's remember the brave men and women who fought for the rights we have today and continue to work towards a better future for all workers.

## READING COMPREHENSION

## COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED



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Date\_\_\_\_\_

# LABOR DAY HISTORY

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

## 1. When did Labor Day begin?

- a) Early 20th century
- b) Late 19th century
- c) Mid 18th century
- d) Early 21st century

## 2. Why did workers start organizing in the late 19th century?

- a) To demand better pay, shorter hours, and safer working conditions
- b) To protest against holidays
- c) To demand longer working hours
- d) To organize picnics

## 3. What were workers' demands during the labor movement?

- a) Longer hours and lower pay
- b) Better pay, shorter hours, and safer working conditions
- c) More holidays
- d) Unsafe working conditions

## 4. When was the first Labor Day parade organized?

- a) September 5, 1882
- b) September 5, 1982
- c) September 5, 1782
- d) September 5, 1884

## 5. Who organized the first Labor Day parade?

- a) Labor unions
- b) Government officials
- c) Business owners
- d) Teachers

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. When did Labor Day begin?
2. Why did workers start organizing?
3. What was the purpose of the first Labor Day parade?
4. How is Labor Day celebrated today?
5. What is Labor Day a reminder of?

## 6. What was the purpose of the first Labor Day parade?

- a) To protest against workers' rights
- b) To show the strength and unity of workers
- c) To promote longer working hours
- d) To celebrate the end of summer

## 7. When did the United States government recognize Labor Day as a national holiday?

- a) 1882
- b) 1894
- c) 1920
- d) 1976

## 8. How is Labor Day celebrated today?

- a) With protests
- b) With picnics, parades, and other fun activities
- c) By working extra hours
- d) By staying at home

## 9. What is Labor Day a reminder of?

- a) The importance of workers' rights and unity
- b) The importance of holidays
- c) The power of longer working hours
- d) The struggles of business owners

## 10. What is the main message of the passage?

- a) Labor Day is just a day off from work
- b) Labor Day has a fascinating history and honors workers' contributions
- c) Labor Day celebrates the power of business
- d) Labor Day has no significance

# ANSWER KEY

## MCQS

1. b) Late 19th century
2. a) To demand better pay, shorter hours, and safer working conditions
3. b) Better pay, shorter hours, and safer working conditions
4. a) September 5, 1882
5. a) Labor unions
6. b) To show the strength and unity of workers
7. b) 1894
8. b) With picnics, parades, and other fun activities
9. a) The importance of workers' rights and unity
10. b) Labor Day has a fascinating history and honors workers' contributions

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Labor Day began in the late 19th century.
2. Workers started organizing to demand better pay, shorter hours, and safer working conditions.
3. The purpose of the first Labor Day parade was to show the strength and unity of workers.
4. Labor Day is celebrated today with picnics, parades, and other fun activities.
5. Labor Day is a reminder of the importance of workers' rights and the power of standing together for change.

ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

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