

# Labor History Month

# BRAVE WOMEN READING COMPREHENSION



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Labor History Month creates a platform to honor the courageous women who have played major roles in the labor movement. From organizing strikes to advocating for equal pay and better working conditions, these trailblazing women made significant contributions to the advancement of workers' rights. Let's learn more about the amazing women who have fought for equality and justice throughout history.

**WOMEN OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT**

Throughout history, women have been at the forefront of the labor movement. Fighting for fair treatment and safety in the workplace, figures like Mother Jones, a miners' organizer known as the "Miners' Angel," and Rose Schneiderman, labor leader and suffragette, played crucial roles in advancing the rights of workers and promoting gender equality in the workplace.

**MENT INDUSTRY**

In early 20th century, garment workers in New York City faced harsh working conditions. By forming the IWW, garment workers like Lucy Parsons and Emma Goldman played a key role in organizing strikes in the industry. Parsons, a anarchist, and Goldman, a pacifist, supported working women to stand up against inhumane working conditions.

**OMEN**

Women who have courage, resilience, and equality in the workplace are often seen as role models. Women in the garment industry, for example, were instrumental in the fight for better working conditions and equal pay.

**READING COMPREHENSION MCQ'S QUESTIONS ANSWER KEY**

# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

## Labor History Month **BRAVE WOMEN**

Labor History Month provides a platform to honor the courageous women who have played pivotal roles in the labor movement. From organizing strikes to advocating for equal pay and better working conditions, these trailblazing women have made significant contributions to the advancement of workers' rights. Let's shine a spotlight on their stories and celebrate their enduring legacy.



Mother Jones

### PIONEERS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Throughout history, women have been at the forefront of the labor movement, fighting for fair treatment and equality in the workplace. Figures like Mother Jones, a Radical labor organizer known as the "Miners' Angel," dedicated her life to improving the lives of miners and their families. Similarly, Rose Schneiderman, a leader in the women's labor movement, championed workers' rights and helped establish labor laws to protect workers.

### LEADERSHIP IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY

In the early 20th century, immigrant women working in the garment industry played a crucial role in organizing labor unions and advocating for better working conditions. The "Uprising of the 20,000" in 1909, led by women garment workers in New York City, marked a turning point in the labor movement and paved the way for significant reforms in the industry. Women like Clara Lemlich, Paula Newman, and Fannie Cohn played key roles in organizing strikes and mobilizing workers to demand fair wages and safer workplaces.

## READING COMPREHENSION

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### FIGHT FOR EQUAL PAY AND GENDER EQUALITY

Women have long been at the forefront of the fight for equal pay and gender equality in the workplace. Figures like Lilly Ledbetter, whose fight for equal pay led to the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009, have inspired generations of women to stand up for their rights. Today, women continue to advocate for pay equity, workplace diversity, and an end to gender-based discrimination in all industries.

### INTERSECTIONALITY AND SOLIDARITY

The struggles of women in the labor movement are deeply intertwined with issues of race, class, and gender identity. Women of color, immigrant women, and LGBTQ+ women have faced unique challenges and barriers in the workplace and in society. Intersectional activism, which recognizes the interconnected nature of oppression, is essential for building solidarity and creating inclusive spaces within the labor movement.

### CONTINUING THE LEGACY

As we celebrate Labor History Month, let us honor the brave women who have paved the way for progress in the labor movement. Their courage, resilience, and determination continue to inspire us to fight for justice and equality in the workplace. By standing together in solidarity, we can build a future where all workers are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. Who is known as the "Miner's Angel"?
2. What event in 1909 marked a turning point in the garment industry?
3. Who played a key role in organizing workers in the garment industry?
4. Whose fight for equal pay is Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act?
5. What concept is central to the labor movement?

**ANSWER KEY**

MCQ'S

1. a) Mother Jones
  2. b) The uprising of the 1909
  3. b) Clara Lemlich
  4. d) Lilly Ledbetter
  5. c) Intersectional activism
- The following is a summary of women in the labor movement:
- a) Mother Jones
  - b) Clara Lemlich
  - c) Lilly Ledbetter
  - d) Intersectional activism

**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. a) Mother Jones
2. b) The uprising of the 1909
3. b) Clara Lemlich
4. d) Lilly Ledbetter
5. c) Intersectional activism

6. Which group of women has faced barriers in the workplace and in the passage?
  - a) White women
  - b) Women of color
  - c) Immigrant women
  - d) All of the above

7. What is the main focus of the book?
  - a) Celebrating Labor Leader Mother Jones
  - b) Honoring the contributions of women
  - c) Highlighting the achievements of women
  - d) Discussing the impact of technology

8. Who championed workers' rights and labor laws to protect workers?
  - a) Mother Jones
  - b) Lilly Ledbetter
  - c) Clara Lemlich
  - d) Claude Newman

9. What event in 2009 led to the passing of Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act?
  - a) A woman's strike
  - b) A protest for workplace diversity
  - c) A protest for equal pay
  - d) A demonstration for gender equality

10. What is the overarching theme of the book?
  - a) Celebrating the achievements of women in the workplace and the impact of their contributions on modern life
  - b) The economic importance of women in the labor movement

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**BRAVE WOMEN****DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

1. Who is known as the "Miner's Angel" and dedicated her life to improving miners' lives?

- a) Lilly Ledbetter
- b) Mother Jones
- c) Rose Schneiderman
- d) Clara Lemlich

2. Which event in 1909 marked a turning point in the labor movement, particularly in the garment industry?

- a) The uprising of the 20,000
- b) The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act
- c) The International Activism Conference
- d) The Passage of Labor Laws

3. Who played a key role in organizing strikes and mobilizing workers in the garment industry?

- a) Lilly Ledbetter
- b) Clara Lemlich
- c) Mother Jones
- d) Rose Schneiderman

4. Whose fight for equal pay led to the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009?

- a) Mother Jones
- b) Rose Schneiderman
- c) Clara Lemlich
- d) Lilly Ledbetter

5. What concept recognizes the interconnected nature of oppression and is essential for building solidarity in the labor movement?

- a) Intersectional activism
- b) Gender purity
- c) Workplace diversity
- d) Labor unionism

**10 - MCQ'S & 5  
QUESTIONS****ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED**

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