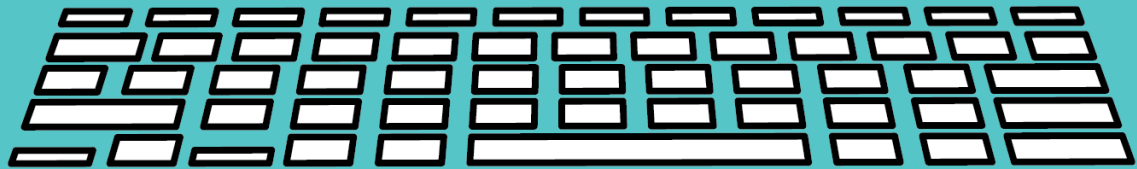
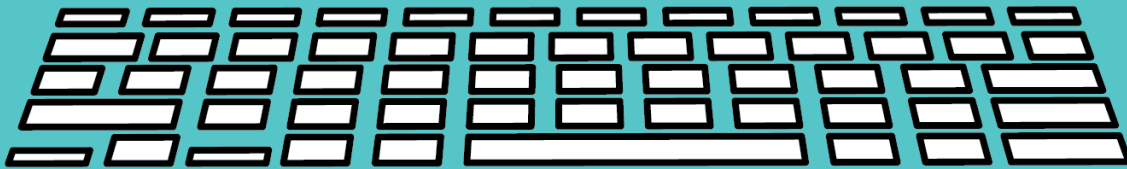


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| 2. What year was the Fair Labor Standards Act? | |
| 3. Who was the 22nd and 24th president? | |
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| 1. In what month is Labor Day? | | 9. The parade began at ___ and ended at Wendel's Elm Park. | |
| 2. What year was the Fair Labor Standards Act passed? | | 10. The late 19th century was the peak of the ___ Revolution. | |
| 3. Who was the 22nd and 24th president? | | 11. The ___ Standards Act prohibited child labor. | |
| 4. What year was the Department of Labor established? | | 12. On Labor Day, most government offices and schools will be closed. | |
| 5. In what state was the first Labor Day Parade? | | 13. Factories had child workers as young as ___ years old. | |
| 6. What color clothes were not worn after Labor Day? | | 14. ___ of Labor organized the first parade. | |
| 7. What was the Illinois train strike called? | | 15. The Industrial Revolution lasted from about ___ to 1870. | |
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LABOR DAY

Labor Day is celebrated annually on the first Monday in September in the United States. It is a holiday dedicated to the achievement of workers and employees in the United States.

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States which celebrates the contributions of American workers. Labor Day will be celebrated by families all across the United States with barbecues, family picnics and sports. On Labor Day, many government offices, schools, and businesses are closed. Young Americans, the holiday signifies the end of summer.

During the late 19th century and the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, Americans were working long hours. The first Labor Day Parade was held at Union Square in New York in 1882. The Knights of Labor organized the parade. About 10,000 workers of New York participated in the parade. The workers received an unpaid leave.

The Labor Day parade began at City Hall and ended at Washington Elm Park. Once at the park, participants would have picnics, speeches and enjoy a concert. Speeches made by educators, industrialists and union officials are often heard on the television radio.

In the late 1800's most Americans were working 12-16 hours a day, seven days a week. They had to work that much just to make a living and pay the bills. It was the time of the Industrial Revolution. Factories and mines were in high demand of workers. They accepted workers of all ages, including children as young as six. The work conditions were unsafe with little protection.

The Industrial Revolution in the United States changed the way people lived and worked. The Industrial Revolution lasted from about 1820 to 1870. People began to use simple machines to make the things they needed. Many goods became produced by factories instead of by hand.

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Many believe that the idea of Labor Day was proposed by either Matthew or Peter McGuire. Matthew McGuire was a machinist and Peter was a carpenter. Peter had once been to a Labour Day celebration in Canada, which began in 1872.

The U.S. Department of Labor, established in 1913, was created to protect the rights and welfare of all American workers. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 set forth standards for wages of most public and private employment. Employers were required to pay employees the minimum federal wage and overtime pay. The act also prohibited child labor.

The celebration of Labor Day is for any person in the workforce. Other countries celebrate Labor Day on May 1st. There used to be a tradition of not wearing white clothing after Labor Day. Although Labor Day was created as a tribute to workers, many celebrate the end of summer.

Before the Department of Labor was established, the U.S. economy was not doing well. Businesses were not making as much money as they used to. The demand for new train cars dropped drastically. George Pullman, owner of the railroad company, cut his workers pay and refused to raise their rent.

Pullman's actions were the beginning of a nation-wide labor strike called the Pullman Strike. During the strike, workers in Illinois refused to work and shut down transportation in Chicago.

The government sent in military troops to try to keep things peaceful. Some workers were killed in the violence and riots of the strike. In an effort to keep peace, President Grover Cleveland declared the national day of stop riots happening across the United States.

Grover Cleveland was the 22nd president of the United States. He served two non-consecutive terms of office from 1885-1889 and 1893-1897.

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