

Honoring Workers

Read about the meaning and traditions of Labor Day.

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words that tell when Labor Day happens. Underline two sentences that explain whom Labor Day honors or recognizes.

Labor Day

- ① Labor Day is a United States holiday that honors workers. Workers use their time and skills to do many jobs. Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September. It is a federal holiday, so many government offices close.
- ② The first Labor Day parade was held in New York City on September 5, 1882. Workers marched together to show pride in their work. In 1894, Labor Day became a federal holiday. The day recognizes the work people do for the country.
- ③ On Labor Day, some families visit a parade, have a picnic, or rest at home. Many people also thank workers they know, such as bus drivers, nurses, or store workers. Some workers still do important jobs on the holiday.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 When is Labor Day celebrated?

2 Whom does Labor Day honor?

3 Name one way some people observe Labor Day.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of a worker who helps your community. Write two sentences. Name the worker and tell one respectful way you could thank that worker on Labor Day.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the words that tell when Labor Day happens. Underline two sentences that explain whom Labor Day honors or recognizes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	When is Labor Day celebrated?	It is celebrated on the first Monday in September.
2	Whom does Labor Day honor?	It honors workers.
3	Name one way some people observe Labor Day.	Answers may include visiting a parade, having a picnic, resting at home, or thanking a worker.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A bus driver helps children get to school safely. On Labor Day, I could say, "Thank you for driving us safely."

Accept first Monday in September for question 1 and workers for question 2. For the open response, accept any community worker and a respectful, realistic way to show thanks.