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Build a Fabulous Vocab

Labor Day

Name _____

Date _____

“The Labor Movement; the folks who brought you the weekend.”

—From a 1995 bumper sticker

Labor Day honors all workers in “a yearly tribute to the social and economic contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.” (U.S. Department of Labor). Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Please use your dictionary.

Word Bank	aegis	arbitration	benevolent	coalitions	dispersed
	evolved	exploitative	grievance	infiltrate	levied

1. A union member who has been treated unfairly by an employer can file a _____.
2. Some labor unions _____ fines against members who reported for work on the first Labor Day, observed in New York City in 1882.
3. American labor unions build _____ with other organizations to tackle such issues as health care, wages, and the rights of immigrants.
4. Almost 16 million Americans work under the _____ of labor unions.
5. Andrew Carnegie's behavior during the 1892 steel workers' strike against a Carnegie plant in Homestead, Pennsylvania, marred his reputation as a _____ supporter of labor.
6. In 1874, when unemployed workers rallied in New York's Tompkins Square Park to demand a jobs program, mounted police _____ the crowd through the savage use of billy clubs.
7. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that 1 to 2 million American children work illegally, often in _____ circumstances.
8. Labor and management now often turn to _____ as a way of settling disagreements.
9. Mine owners in the West often hired private detectives to _____ and destroy unions.
10. Over the years, Labor Day has _____ into a holiday marking the end of summer.