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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. What caused factory owners to hire children?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ⓐ There were not enough adults to hire for the job openings.</li><li>Ⓑ There was no school available to the children, so their only option was to work.</li><li>Ⓒ Children did not have to be paid as much and were easier to control.</li><li>Ⓓ The parents of the children were too lazy to work.</li></ul> | <p>2. How does the author feel about celebrating Labor Day?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ⓐ She believes that Labor Day is a day to relax and to honor American workers.</li><li>Ⓑ She believes that everyone should work on Labor Day as a way of honoring American workers.</li><li>Ⓒ She believes that Labor Day should be a day of enjoyment when no one works or goes to school.</li><li>Ⓓ She believes that it is no longer important to celebrate Labor Day.</li></ul> |
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3. How did Samuel Gompers help change the lives of workers?
  - Ⓐ He worked with miners to get them fair pay and shorter hours.
  - Ⓑ He helped women who were being mistreated in factories.
  - Ⓒ He helped reach agreements between workers and owners of companies.
  - Ⓓ He became president and helped change the laws about the treatment of workers.
4. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ Many children were forced to work in factories.
  - Ⓑ It is important to honor the accomplishments of American workers.
  - Ⓒ Workers in the 1800s worked in unsafe factories.
  - Ⓓ Many factory owners wanted to pay workers as little as possible.
5. Why did many workers not speak up about their long hours and low wages?
  - Ⓐ They were afraid to lose their jobs.
  - Ⓑ They were happy with their hours and pay.
  - Ⓒ They didn't think that it would make a difference.
  - Ⓓ They were not allowed to speak at work.
6. A word that means the same as **work** is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ strike
  - Ⓑ labor
  - Ⓒ wage
  - Ⓓ union

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7. How did President Roosevelt help workers in 1938?

- Ⓐ He visited factories and shut down the ones that were not treating workers well.
- Ⓑ He organized groups of workers to stand up for themselves.
- Ⓒ He made it impossible for factory owners to hire children.
- Ⓓ He passed an act that limited the workweek to forty hours.

8. How does the author believe that workers should be treated?

- Ⓐ She believes that no American should have to work in a factory.
- Ⓑ She believes that work conditions should be safe and that people should work sixty hours a week.
- Ⓒ She believes workers should make only minimum wage and have the weekends off.
- Ⓓ She believes workers should be paid fairly, not work too many hours, and work in safe places.

9. The **labor movement** is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ the time in history where machines took the jobs of many people
- Ⓑ when workers refused to work until they were paid more
- Ⓒ the joining together of workers to improve work conditions
- Ⓓ when children who worked in factories all left their jobs

10. How did Eugene Debs help improve life for workers?

- Ⓐ He worked with farm workers.
- Ⓑ He helped to end child labor.
- Ⓒ He helped women working in factories.
- Ⓓ He helped railroad and industrial workers.

11. **Extended Response:** What would it have been like to work in a factory in the early 1800s?

12. **Extended Response:** Why were laws created to stop child labor?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Labor Day

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
9. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following information: *During the early 1800s, workers worked up to one hundred hours a week in unsafe conditions and were paid very little money.*
12. Students should note that child labor was stopped because children had little time to rest, go to school, and play. They would often become ill from the long hours and terrible work conditions.