

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** List the important information from the section “Workers Join Together.” Use the information to create a summary at the bottom of the page.

**WHO**

**WHAT**

**WHEN**

**WHERE**



**WHY**

**SUMMARY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Place commas after each introductory word or phrase in the sentences below.

- ① Slowly things began to change.
- ② In many factories much of the machinery could be run by children.
- ③ Also their small size allowed them to move in tight spaces around machines.
- ④ By the early 1800s roughly two million school-aged children were working in mills or factories in the United States.
- ⑤ Over time workers started joining together to improve conditions at their jobs.
- ⑥ In 1866 an organization called the National Labor Union urged Congress to pass a law making the eight-hour workday standard for all workers.
- ⑦ Despite its name the NLU was more of a political organization than a labor union.
- ⑧ In 1914 Henry Ford increased automobile workers' wages to \$5.00 a day.
- ⑨ With overtime each hour over forty worked in a single workweek is paid at a rate of one and one-half times time a worker's usual hourly rate.



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**Instructions:** Choose the correct homophone to complete each sentence.

some/sum	knew/new	one/won	inn/in	there/their
bee/be	too/two	weak/week	ate/eight	

- ① During the 1894 Pullman strike, railroad workers struck for over two months because of wage cuts that hurt \_\_\_\_\_ families.
- ② Enjoy Labor Day and be sure to have \_\_\_\_\_ fun.
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ technology allowed many jobs once done by hand to \_\_\_\_\_ done faster and more easily by machines.
- ④ The average manufacturing employee worked \_\_\_\_\_ hundred hours a \_\_\_\_\_!
- ⑤ Roughly \_\_\_\_\_ million school-aged children were working in mills or factories in the early 1800s.
- ⑥ Although the NLU did not succeed in getting the law passed, it did bring attention to the issue of the \_\_\_\_\_-hour workday.
- ⑦ President Grant encouraged workers \_\_\_\_\_ the private sector to seek out the same legal guarantee.

