

## The USA & CANADA

### **Why do Americans and Canadians celebrate Labor Day?**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqmPE2HtkyU>

1. The narrator points out a surprising paradox in his introduction. What paradox is that? Provide details.
2. What did protesters demand in NYC on the first Labor Day September 5<sup>th</sup> 1882?
3. What were the working conditions in the USA and Canada in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?
4. Pick out a synonym of dangerous in the video?
5. What was the main point of conflict between factory owners and workers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?
6. What is 'Haymarket Square' remembered for? What date is associated to it?
7. What other paradox is mentioned in the document regarding president Grover Cleveland? What date is associated to that event?
8. How long did American workers wait until changes occurred ? Mention these changes.

a day off

fair wages

coal mines

Unions (Trade Unions)

fringe benefits

strike

to gather

healthcare

riot

to demand

pensions