

Nonfiction

It's Labor Day!

by Francine Thompson



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STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Reread

Skill: Author's Purpose

Phonics

r-controlled vowels *air*,

are, *ear*

Vocabulary

favorite, few, gone, nation,
surprise, unite, wonder,
young

Content Standards

Social Studies

American History

Word count: 235**

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**The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.



Genre **Nonfiction**



Essential Question

How do we celebrate holidays?

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Look at the calendar. It's the first Monday of September. That means it's Labor Day!

The first Labor Day was in 1882.





Children used to work
in factories like this.



Did you ever wonder why we
have Labor Day? It's a day
to honor workers.

Long ago, workers weren't
treated fairly. Even young
children worked.

Today, our nation has laws to protect workers. Some laws protect children too.

Now children go to school instead of going to work.

STOP AND CHECK

When do we celebrate Labor Day?
Why do we celebrate Labor Day?

These workers must wear hard hats for safety.



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Many workers help
us every day.



On Labor Day, Americans
unite to say thank you to
workers.

Labor Day is also a day
for having fun. So, let's
celebrate!

Many cities have Labor Day parades. Have you ever gone to one?

It's fun to wave a flag as the parade goes by. Maybe some clowns will be there and surprise you.

Some families go to Labor Day parades.





It's fun to listen
to music.



After the parade, some towns have concerts. The whole family can share in the fun.

Labor Day is a great day to meet in the park for a picnic. What's your favorite picnic food?

Labor Day is family time.





Talking with family
is relaxing.



After lunch, it's time to relax
for a while. Then it's time to
play a few games!

Do you like the beach or pool? This might be your last chance to wear your bathing suit!

STOP AND CHECK

What are some ways that families celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day is a good day for the beach.





Trade in your beach
toys for a backpack!

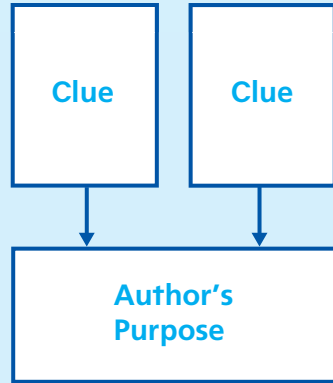


Labor Day marks the end of
summer. Then it's time to
start a new school year!

Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart to help you retell *It's Labor Day!*



Text Evidence

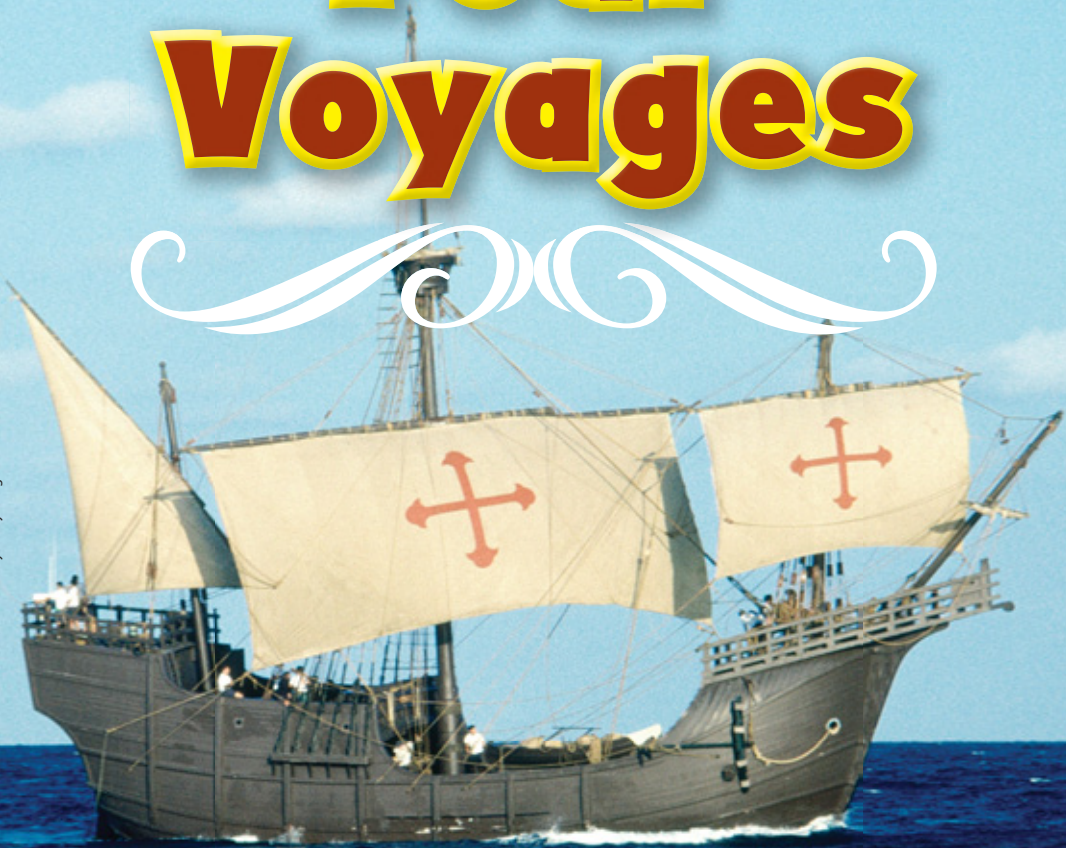
1. Why did the author write page 3? **Author's Purpose**
2. Why did the author include the photo on page 5?
Author's Purpose
3. Are the people in *It's Labor Day!* made-up or are they real? How do you know? **Genre**

Compare Texts

Read about why we celebrate another national holiday.



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Christopher Columbus was
an explorer.



In 1492, Christopher Columbus
sailed from Spain to America.
We honor this voyage on the
second Monday in October.



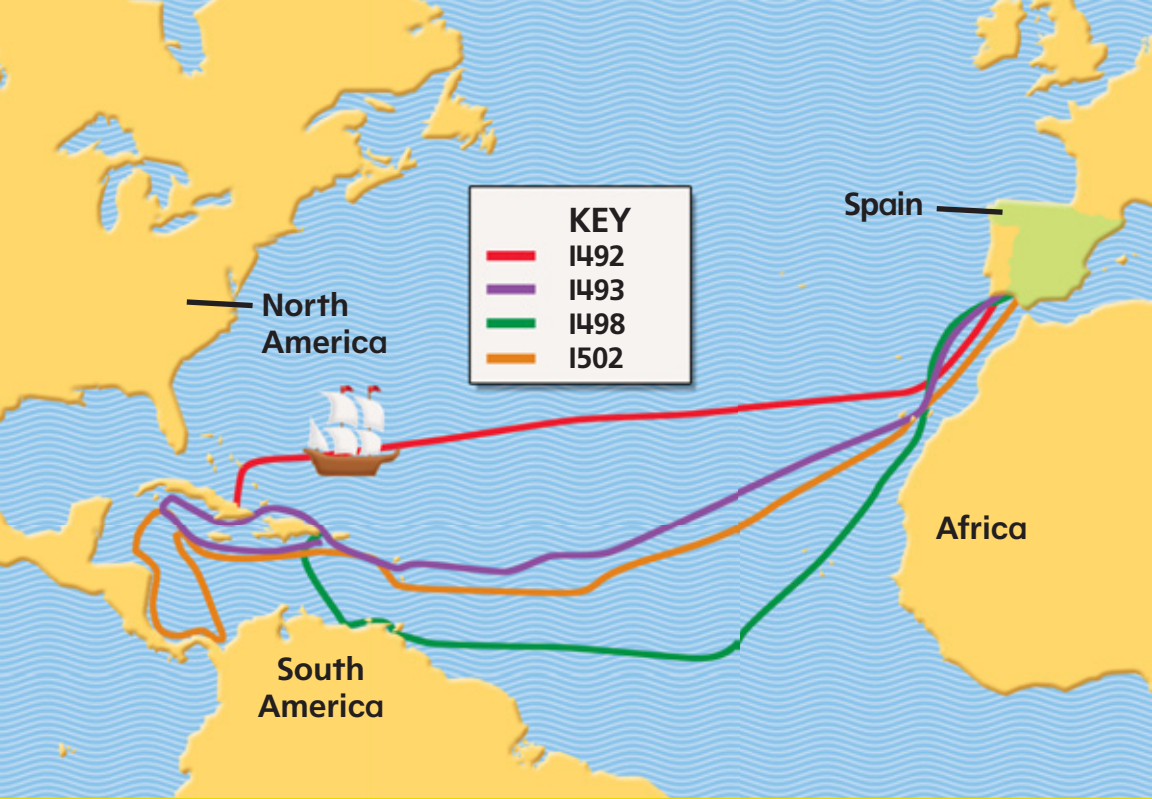


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Columbus made three more voyages to the Americas. The map shows each trip.



Make Connections

Why are Labor Day and Columbus Day important? [Text to Text](#)

Focus on Social Studies

Purpose To find out about workers you honor

What to Do

Step 1

Think about people you know and the jobs they do. Think about how they help you.

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Step 2

Draw a chart. Fill it in.

Jobs	I honor them because

Step 3

Draw a picture of someone in your chart. Write a few sentences about the person in your picture.

Thinkmark

The Topic

Why do we celebrate
Labor Day?

Vocabulary

What new words did you learn
in the text?

Make Connections

How does your family celebrate
Labor Day?