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Find the Evidence

Can you find the PROOF for your answers? Use a crayon in the color shown to underline where you found each answer in the text.

Labor Day

Your school may be closed on the first Monday of September, but do you know why? The first Monday of September is Labor Day in the United States (and Labour Day in Canada). Many other countries celebrate Labour Day on May Ist. Labor is another word for "work."

In 1882, Peter J. McGuire went to the yearly festival held in Toronto, Canada to honor all that workers have done to help their country. McGuire said that the United States should celebrate Labor Day. The state of Oregon began celebrating the holiday in 1887, and other states followed. President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day a national holiday after railroad workers went on strike and reminded the country that workers are important!

Today, Labor Day is a U.S. holiday and celebrated in every state with parades, cookouts, and sometimes vacation. Many schools return to class just before or after Labor Day. Stores often have big sales so people will spend their day off shopping. Most people think of Labor Day as the end of summer, too. Does your family do special things on Labor Day?

blue Who first said Labor Day should be a U.S. holiday?
yellow What reminded the U.S. of workers' importance?
red Where was Labor Day first celebrated in the U.S.?
purple Why do schools close on the 1st Monday of September?
Green How is Labor Day celebrated today?
orange When do some other countries celebrate Labor Day?