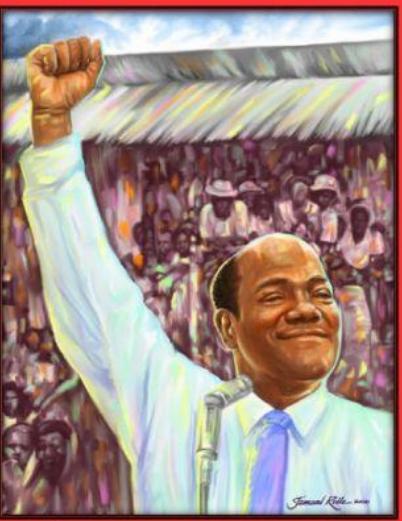


READING COMPREHENSION

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“LABOUR DAY”



Labour Day is a public holiday. It is a day that honors the working people in our country. This day honors most of the people in our country, because almost everyone in The Bahamas works. Schools, banks, and all government offices are closed on public holidays. Most businesses are closed too. Sir Randol Fawkes, a National Hero, is known as the “Father of Labour”.

Labour Day is celebrated in many ways. Some people line the streets to watch a parade. Others go to hear speakers talk about ways for workers to have better standard of living. Some people spend the day visiting family and friends. Many others go on picnics while others just rest.

In The Bahamas, Labour Day is celebrated on the first Friday in the month of June. In the United States of America, Labour Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September. Most Americans think of Labour Day as the last day of summer. Vacation time is over. Work and school soon begins.

1. According to the passage, what are THREE activities that Bahamians engage in on Labour Day? [3]

2. Labour Day is a “public holiday.” Explain what is meant by public holiday. [2]

3. Which word in **paragraph 2** means “**to march in procession**”? [1]

4. What is another **suitable title** for this story?

[1]

5. What is **ONE** difference between Labor Day celebrations in The Bahamas and the United States of America?

[1]

6. Which group of people are celebrated on Labour Day?

[1]

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“Music - A Cultural Expression”



Everyone loves and enjoys music. It is said that music is a cultural expression because every country has its own local music. It is also said that music is a universal language because people everywhere play music and enjoy it. Some animals know when music is being played and dance to it. Music causes us to experience different emotions. It makes us happy or sad. We feel like crying or singing or we feel like dancing.

Every country is noted for its own kind of music. The people of these countries enjoy their national and cultural music. In Brazil you can hear Samba music everywhere, especially during Carnival Festival and football (soccer) games. In The Bahamas, Junkanoo and Rake and Scrape are very dear to the hearts of the people. In Jamaica, Reggae music is referred to as the “heartbeat” of the people. You can listen to Soca in the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago and other Caribbean islands.

Music is a good way for people to relax. It keeps the mind free of evil thoughts. Music helps you to think of beautiful things. Try reading your favorite stories or interesting book while listening to music.

1. Why is music considered a universal language? [2]

2. According to the passage, what are **TWO** emotions that can be experienced when listening to music? [2]

anger happiness disappointment sadness

3. According to the passage, how do some animals respond to music? [1]

4. What is another name for **National Music**? [1]

5. According to the passage, the people of The Bahamas enjoy listening to Soca Music. Is this **TRUE**? Explain your answer. [2]

Yes No

6. Which sentence in a paragraph **THREE** the main idea? Write the sentence. [1]

7. Which country is known for the types of music written below?

A. Jamaica _____ [1]

B. Brazil _____ [1]