

Assessment - Labor and Trade Unions in the 1900's

Part I – Multiple Choice

Directions: Circle the correct answer.

1. Which organization worked to improve wages and working conditions for workers?
 - A. The Labor Union
 - B. The Senate
 - C. The Supreme Court
 - D. The Census Bureau
2. What was one major goal of labor unions in the 1900's?
 - A. Longer workdays
 - B. Lower wages
 - C. Safer working conditions
 - D. Fewer workers
3. Who joined many labor unions during the Industrial Era?
 - A. Factory workers
 - B. Only business owners
 - C. Only politicians
 - D. Only farmers
4. What is a strike?
 - A. A factory fire
 - B. Workers refusing to work until demands are met
 - C. A government election
 - D. A new invention
5. Which problem was common in factories during the early 1900's?
 - A. Safe equipment
 - B. Short work hours
 - C. Child labor
 - D. Paid vacations
6. What did labor unions often negotiate for?
 - A. Higher taxes
 - B. Better wages
 - C. More homework
 - D. Smaller cities
7. What is collective bargaining?
 - A. Workers negotiating together with employers
 - B. A type of machine
 - C. A government law
 - D. A factory strike
8. Which group often opposed labor unions?
 - A. Factory owners
 - B. Teachers
 - C. Doctors
 - D. Farmers

Part II – Fill in the Blank

Word Bank

strike

union

collective bargaining

child labor

wage

workers

1. A labor _____ is an organization formed by workers to protect their rights.
 2. Workers sometimes went on _____ to demand better treatment.
 3. Many factories used _____ during the Industrial Era.
 4. Unions fought for better pay, also called _____.
 5. _____ is when workers negotiate together with employers.
 6. Labor unions worked to improve conditions for _____.
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Part III – True or False

Directions: Write T or F on the line.

1. _____ Labor unions wanted safer working conditions.
 2. _____ Child labor was uncommon in factories during the Industrial Era.
 3. _____ Strikes were used by workers to protest unfair treatment.
 4. _____ Factory owners always supported labor unions.
 5. _____ Labor unions helped workers gain better wages and shorter hours.
 6. _____ Collective bargaining means workers negotiate together.
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