

Labor Day Resources



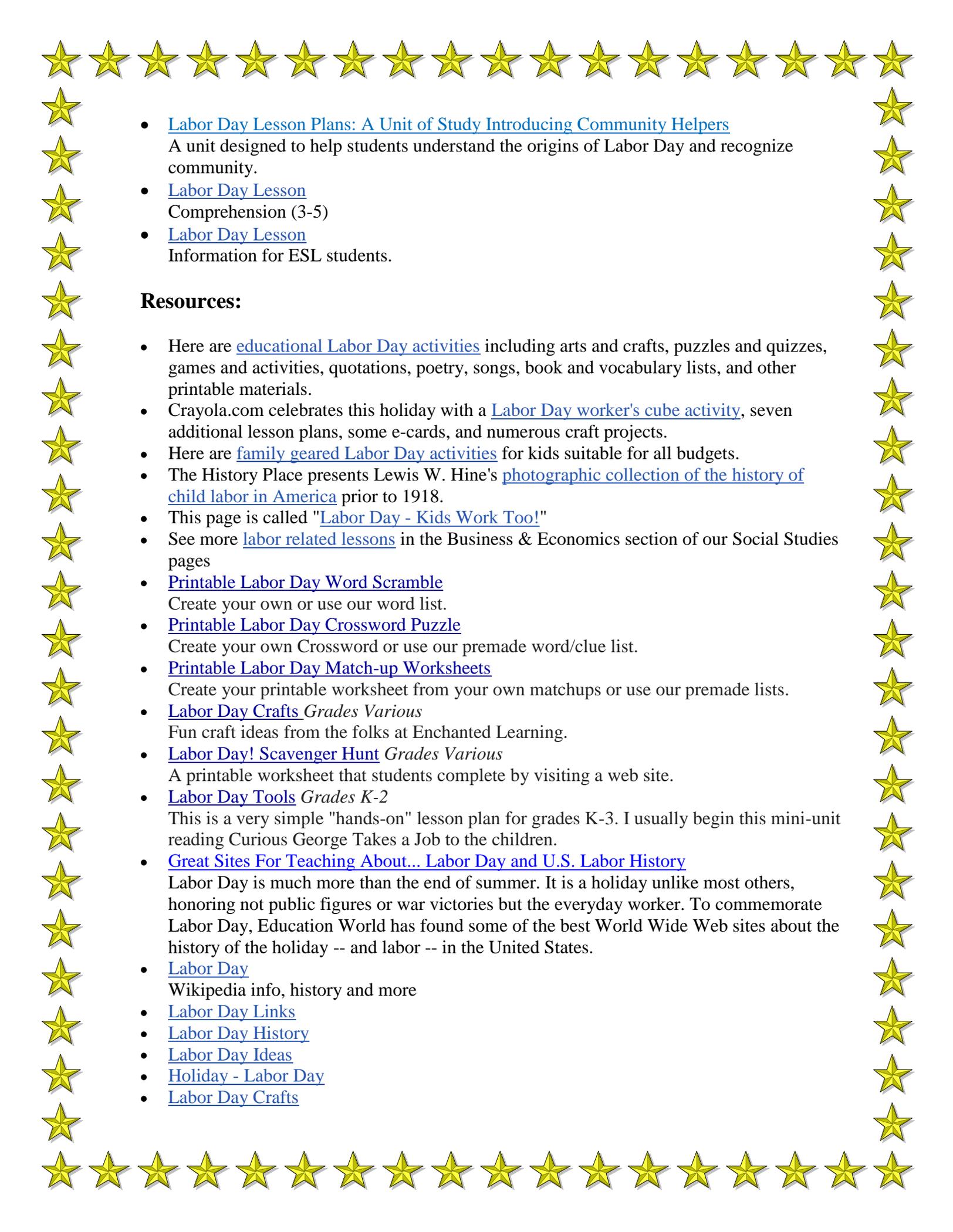
Introduction:

"Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September. ... The holiday originated in 1882 as the Central Labor Union of New York City sought to create 'a day off for the working citizens.' Congress made Labor Day a federal holiday on June 28, 1894, two months after the May Day Riots of 1894. May 4 was chosen to remember the Haymarket Affair. ... Today, Labor Day is often regarded as a day of rest and parades. ... Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. ... Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer. ... However, of late, schools have begun well before Labor Day, as early as July 24 in many urban districts..."

[Wikipedia](#)

Lessons Plans:

- [Learn about Labor Day with this lesson](#) (K-2)
- [The book *Carpenter, Carpenter, What Do You See* is used here as a career exploration tool](#) (P-3)
- [This lesson is titled "When I Grow Up..."](#) (K-2)
- [In this brief idea, students paint a picture of what they want to be](#) (K-3)
- [This is a bingo vocabulary game about people who provide service in a community](#) (1)
- [Part of this lesson is on jobs in aviation](#) (1-3)
- [Here students draw and write about their future occupation and how they will be "Community Helpers"](#) (2)
- [This lesson is on helping and looks at jobs in the classroom](#) (2-3)
- [This in-depth lesson is on Cesar Chavez and his work to help migrant farm workers](#) (2-4)
- [Here's a collection of occupational poems](#) (2-4)
- [Student entrepreneurs experience business, calculate profit, and develop an understanding of "economic growth" as settlers in a new community in this multidisciplinary activity](#) (3)
- [This lesson answers the question "What Is Work?" from a scientific point of view](#) (3)
- [Here career exploration results in a PowerPoint including education and job requirements, a mentor interview and possibly a job site tour](#) (5-6)

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- [Labor Day Lesson Plans: A Unit of Study Introducing Community Helpers](#)
A unit designed to help students understand the origins of Labor Day and recognize community.
 - [Labor Day Lesson](#)
Comprehension (3-5)
 - [Labor Day Lesson](#)
Information for ESL students.

Resources:

- Here are [educational Labor Day activities](#) including arts and crafts, puzzles and quizzes, games and activities, quotations, poetry, songs, book and vocabulary lists, and other printable materials.
- Crayola.com celebrates this holiday with a [Labor Day worker's cube activity](#), seven additional lesson plans, some e-cards, and numerous craft projects.
- Here are [family geared Labor Day activities](#) for kids suitable for all budgets.
- The History Place presents Lewis W. Hine's [photographic collection of the history of child labor in America](#) prior to 1918.
- This page is called "[Labor Day - Kids Work Too!](#)"
- See more [labor related lessons](#) in the Business & Economics section of our Social Studies pages
- [Printable Labor Day Word Scramble](#)
Create your own or use our word list.
- [Printable Labor Day Crossword Puzzle](#)
Create your own Crossword or use our premade word/clue list.
- [Printable Labor Day Match-up Worksheets](#)
Create your printable worksheet from your own matchups or use our premade lists.
- [Labor Day Crafts](#) *Grades Various*
Fun craft ideas from the folks at Enchanted Learning.
- [Labor Day! Scavenger Hunt](#) *Grades Various*
A printable worksheet that students complete by visiting a web site.
- [Labor Day Tools](#) *Grades K-2*
This is a very simple "hands-on" lesson plan for grades K-3. I usually begin this mini-unit reading Curious George Takes a Job to the children.
- [Great Sites For Teaching About... Labor Day and U.S. Labor History](#)
Labor Day is much more than the end of summer. It is a holiday unlike most others, honoring not public figures or war victories but the everyday worker. To commemorate Labor Day, Education World has found some of the best World Wide Web sites about the history of the holiday -- and labor -- in the United States.
- [Labor Day](#)
Wikipedia info, history and more
- [Labor Day Links](#)
- [Labor Day History](#)
- [Labor Day Ideas](#)
- [Holiday - Labor Day](#)
- [Labor Day Crafts](#)