

CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

STRIKING UNIONS

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

- 1. **Strike** (n.) A work stoppage, caused by the mass refusal of employees to work.
- 2. Labor (n.) Workers considered as a group.
- 3. **Union** (n.) an organized association of workers, often in a trade or profession, formed to protect and further their rights and interests.
- 4. **Collective Bargaining** (v.) Negotiation of wages and other conditions of employment by an organized body of employees.
- 5. **Wage** (n.) A regular payment, typically paid on a daily or weekly basis, made by an employer to an employee.
- 6. **Protest** (n.) A statement or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something.
- 7. **Regulation** (n.) A rule or directive made and maintained by an authority (typically a government entity).

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- > What is the historical relationship between labor and corporations in the United States?
- ➤ How does collective action, like strikes, impact American life?
- ➤ What role might the Covid-19 pandemic have in the rise of labor strikes in 2021?
- ➤ Historically, what role has the government played in labor disputes?
- > In your opinion, what role should the government play in modern day labor disputes?
- > Should the typical Labor Day celebrations be changed to better reflect its origins? Why or why not?