

## **Civics Learning Project** Workers, Strikes, & Labor Relations (UPDATED)

## 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. Protest (n.) A statement or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something.

## 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 is the National Labor Relations Board and what kind of impacts has it had on labor in the United States?
- ➤ Historically, what role has the government played in labor disputes?
- > In your opinion, what role should the government play in modern day labor disputes?
- > What is the historical and ongoing relationship between unions and Labor Day?