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Labor Day 2004

A federal holiday since 1894, this day was observed in some places before that as a result of a campaign by an early organization of workers called the Knights of Labor. Its purpose is to honor the nation's working people. In many cities the day is marked by parades of working people representing the labor unions. Most Americans consider Labor Day the end of the summer, and the beaches and other popular resort areas are packed with people enjoying one last three-day weekend. For many students it marks the opening of the school year. <http://www.usembassy.de/usa/holidays-labor.htm>

Related Items:

- **The First Labor Day**
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/sep05.html>
- **The History of Labor Day (Department of Labor)**
<http://www.dol.gov/opa/aboutdol/laborday.htm>
- **Facts and Figures Labor Force USA**
http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/002264.html
- **Labor Unions in the United States (Institute of Industrial Relations Library Webguide)**
<http://www.iir.berkeley.edu/library/webguides/unionsgd.html#history>

Back to School

Most Americans consider Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday in September, the end of the summer. In many schools, the Tuesday after Labor Day marks the opening of the school year. An old tradition is bringing a shiny red apple for the teacher on the first day of school. Hopefully, the apple would impress the teacher, and the new school year would be off to a successful start.

Related Items:

- **About the USA: Education**
<http://www.usembassy.de/usa/society-education.htm>

- **Organization of U.S. Education System (Department of Education)**
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-org-us.html>
- **Structure of U.S. Education System (Department of Education)**
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-structure-us.html>
- **The Educator's Reference Desk - Lesson Plans**
<http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/index.shtml>
- **Virtual Classroom - Information Resources for Teachers**
<http://www.usembassy.de/usa/classroom/index.htm>
- **Search for Schools, Colleges, and Libraries (National Center for Education Statistics)**
<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 to October 15

The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week, and in 1988, the observance was expanded to a monthlong celebration. It starts on September 15th, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico achieved independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18. During the month, America celebrates the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

- **Facts for Features: Hispanic Heritage Month 2004 (U.S. Census Bureau)**
<http://www.usembassy.de/usa/etexts/soc/ffhispanic2004.pdf>
- **Education World: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: Lesson Planning Article**
http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson023.shtml
- **About the USA: Society - Hispanic Americans**
<http://www.usembassy.de/usa/society-hispanics.htm>
- **Events in Hispanic American History**
http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/chh/timeline/index.htm
- **Diversity in the United States**
<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/diversity/>

Election History

Bush Celebrates Anniversary of U.S. Women's Right to Vote

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040826-7.html>

Presidential proclamation declares Women's Equality Day. President Bush encouraged Americans to remember the anniversary of the day on which women in the United States gained the right to vote through the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. In his proclamation statement, the president said that in celebrating Women's Equality Day, Americans "recognize the hard work and perseverance of those who helped secure women's suffrage in the United States."

- **Suffrage - The Right to Vote**
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/researchstarters/women/>
- **Teaching With Documents Lesson Plan: Woman Suffrage and the 19th Amendment (National Archives)**
http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/woman_suffrage/woman_suffrage.html

9/11

The 9-11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, Official Government Edition

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/911/>

New Electronic Journal

"Access to the Court - Equal Justice for All"

The six amendment to the Constitution states "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense." The new eJournal examines the various efforts to guarantee "equal justice for all" within the U.S. legal system, and describes several aspects of the ongoing process of ensuring legal protections and educating citizens of their rights and responsibilities.

"Access to the Court - Equal Justice for All" is

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0804/ijde/ijde0804.htm>

Events in Leipzig's Consular District

Joel Meyerowitz Photo Exhibition "After September 11: Images From Ground Zero" at the Stadtbibliothek Magdeburg

September 1 - 30, 2004

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9:30 - 19:00

Saturday 10:00 - 13:00

Breiter Weg 109

39104 Magdeburg

The exhibition of noted American photographer Joel Meyerowitz "After September 11: Images From Ground Zero" opens at the Stadtbibliothek Magdeburg on Wednesday, September 1. The exhibition features the consequences of the September 11th, 2001 tragedy in New York. John Meyerowitz is the only photographer to have been granted unimpeded access to ground zero since September 13th, 2001. Meyerowitz, the winner of many prestigious international awards, managed to take some 4,000 pictures at the site of the tragedy. The exhibition, organised by the U.S. Consulate General Leipzig, will be displayed until September 30.

Edgar Allen Poe „Der Fall des Hauses Ascher“ at Stadt-, Kreis- und Gymnasialbibliothek Gardelegen

22. September 2004, 20:00 Uhr

Ein elektronisches Lesekonzert nach Edgar Allen Poe mit M. M. Hahnemann und R. Werner, Köln

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