

Labor Issues: The Impact of Labor Unions on American Workers

Notes to the Teacher

1. Provide highlights for students from "A Short History of American Labor." This information can be found at <http://www.unionweb.org/history.htm>.
2. Ask students to collect articles from newspapers, trade journals, and the Internet related to the following topics:
 - Labor unions related to career path
 - How and why people join unions
 - Workers' rights
 - Common sense economics for working families
 - Labor union disputes
 - Safety and health on the job
 - Issues promoted by labor unions
3. Have students present their articles and reports to the class.
4. Have students conduct research and debate the pros and cons of labor unions with emphasis on the impact of labor unions on business and American workers.