

CHAPTER 8: LABOR MOVEMENT

I. Introductory Overview Essay	5K Words
II. Theory of Labor Movement as Reform	
Roots of Labor Movement Reform	2-5K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defining a Working Class• American Exceptionalism• Pluralism• Marxism• Anarcho-Syndicalism	
The Impact of Industrialization and Globalization –	2-5K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Evolution of the American Working Class – the degradation and deskilling of work• Debate over the legitimacy of the legal status of worker Organizations• Corporatism• Power Elite Theory• Neo-Marxism	
III. Historical Development of Labor as a Reform Movement	
Food Riots and other 18 th Century Worker Protests	1-2K Words
Workers' Response to Early Industrialization	1-2K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workingmen's Parties• Lowell "Girls"• National Trades Union (1830s)	
Origins of U.S. Labor Day	1-2K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preference of Labor Day over May Day as National Holiday to Celebrate Worker's Rights• Fear of Linking Labor with Communism• 8 hr day/40 hr work week• Creation of the Weekend• Minimum Wage	
Rise of a National labor Movement:	2-5K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Labor Union (1870s)• 1877 Railroad Strike; Knights of Labor• American Federation of Labor; American Railway Union• Homestead Strike (1892)• Pullman Strike (1894)	

Labor in the Early 20 th Century	2-5K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “New Immigration” Transforms U.S. Labor Movement • The Industrial Workers of the World (The Wobblies) • Lawrence Strike (1912) • National Women’s Trade Union League • Post-World War I Anti-Unionism 	
U.S. Labor in the Early Great Depression Era:	2-5K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonus Army • Unemployed Unions (1930s) • General Strikes 	
New Deal and Labor	2-5K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Industrial Recovery Act (1934) • Fair Labor Standards Act (1938) • Wagner Act (1935), creating National Labor Relations Board 	
Industrial Unionism Insurgency	1-2K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress of Industrial Organizations • Sit-down Strikes (1936-37) • Communists and the Labor Movement • Labor Unions and WW II 	
Labor in the Era of the “Social Contract”	1-2K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taft-Hartley Act (1946) • McCarthy Era and Labor Movement • AFL-CIO Merger (1955) • Labor-Management “Social Contract” of 1950s and 1960s 	
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	1-2K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor and Organized Crime 	
Labor Movement and Minority Workers	1-2K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League of Revolutionary Black Workers • United Farmer Workers 	
Public Sector Unionism	1-2K Words
Labor Movement in Decline	1-2K Works
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PATCO Strike (1982) • Deindustrialization, Globalization, NAFTA, etc. • Weaken Labor Movement 	

Modern Unions' Response to Declining Membership 1-2K Words

- "Poor Worker's Unions"
- SEIU – Justice for Janitors Campaign, etc.
- Change to Win Coalition

Labor Movement Cultural Institutions 1-2K Words

IV. Key Moments 500-1K Words Each

Lowell Mill Female Operatives' First turnout (1828)

Haymarket Riot (1886)

Pullman Strike (1894)

West Virginia Coal Mine wars (1920-21)

United Auto Workers' Sit-Down Strikes (1936-37)

AFL and CIO Merge (1955)

PATCO Strike (1981)

V. Intersection of Labor Movement with Other Reform Movements

Labor Movement and Civil Rights, Socialism/Political Radicalism,
and Women's Rights 2-5K Words

VI. Future of Labor Movement as Reform 2-5K Words

Living Wage Campaign

VII. Author Suggested Illustrations, Tables, and Documents

Total Words 29.5-58K Words