

Examples of Unions:

The Knights of Labor

- Founded in 1849 in Philadelphia
- used strikes as a tool to get what they wanted
- admitted women, African Americans, immigrants & unskilled workers to their unions
- 1886, Haymarket Square, Chicago - a strike turned violent, a bomb, killing policemen
- Public opinion turned against the union

The American Federation of Labor (AFL)

- Formed in 1886 in Columbus, OH by Samuel Gompers
- only skilled workers admitted to the union
- started collective bargaining
- by 1904 more than 1 million members
- believed in striking only when all else failed
- barred African Americans, immigrants & unskilled workers from joining their union

Were union strikes successful? Describe some of the outcomes of strikes: Yes & No

Some strikes were successful in gaining workers better working conditions, shorter hours & better pay.

Many strikes ended in violence Ex Haymarket Square.

The Pullman strike resulted in railroad workers walking off the job. President Cleveland sent federal troops to force them back to work.