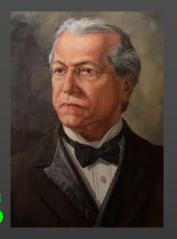


# Samuel Gompers



The founder of the American Federation of Labor By: Joshua Johnson and Samuel Baywood

#### Who?

- 1. He was the first and longest-serving president of the American Federation of Labor.
- 2. He was also a Jewish immigrant that became part of the labor movement.
- 3. Gompers also founded the AFL to help in the labor movement.
- 4. Gompers started making cigars with his father and then became the president of the local 144 Cigar Makers' International Union.
- Samuel also founded The Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions (FOTLU)

# What?

- 1. He founded the American Federation of Labor (AFL).
- 2. Worked as a cigar maker with his father.
- 3. First president of the AFL
- 4. President of the CMIU as well as the vice president.
- 5. President of FOTLU for 40 years.



#### Where?

- 1. Gompers was born in London, England.
- 2. He moved to New York City, New York.
- 3. He went to Mexico City to talk to Mexico's president.
- 4. Samuel died in San Antonio, Texas.
- 5. Gompers is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Sleepy Hollow, New York.



# When?

- 1. Samuel was born on January 27, 1850.
- 2. He emigrated to New York City in 1863.
- 3. He became the president of the CMIU in 1875 and 1880.
- 4. He founded the AFL in 1886.
- 5. He died on December 13, 1924.



# Why?

- 1. He founded the AFL because he wanted to have a shorter work day and more pay and to help with the labor movement.
- 2. He wanted a movement to change the social, political, an working class.
- 3. He believed in pure and simple unionism.
- 4. Gompers sought to build a national federation of trade unions.
- 5. Samuel also wanted to secure the rights of labor workers.

# How?

- 1. Samuel worked his way up through the cigar making business and then was elected president of the CMIU.
- 2. In December 1886, Samuel Gompers met with other Craft unions to form the
- 3. Gompers followed the practice of political nonpartisanship.
- 4. Gompers went to a JFS School for his education.
- 5. When Woodrow Wilson was president Gompers was put on the Council of National Defence membership in the AFL-CIO soared.