Freedom Spreads

Read and summarize the final events of the Civil War.

SS24.4.14d "Summarize events that marked the conclusion of the Civil War, including the assassination of President Lincoln, the surrender of Confederate armies, the spread of emancipation…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline a detail about surrender and circle a detail about Lincoln. Number one detail about freedom spreading and one about a celebration that you would use in a summary.

The War Ends, Freedom Spreads

1. In April 1865, the Civil War was nearing its end. On April 9, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia. Other Confederate armies surrendered in the weeks that followed. But the country also faced a terrible loss. On April 14, a man shot President Abraham Lincoln at a theater in Washington, D.C. Lincoln died the next morning.

2. The end of fighting did not bring news of freedom to every enslaved person at once. The Emancipation Proclamation had declared freedom for enslaved people in Confederate areas in 1863, but it could not be enforced everywhere right away. As Union forces gained control, freedom spread. In Alabama, formerly enslaved people began building new lives after Union forces arrived. On June 19, 1865, Union troops announced freedom in Galveston, Texas.

3. People made the news of freedom a reason to gather. Some held services, shared meals, and told stories. In Alabama and other states, communities have celebrated Emancipation Day, often on January 1, the date the Emancipation Proclamation took effect. Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, remembers the announcement in Texas. These celebrations honor freedom while helping people remember how slowly it reached many families.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In one sentence, summarize what happened to Confederate armies as the war ended.

2. Summarize what happened to President Lincoln as the war was ending.

3. Summarize how freedom spread in Alabama and Texas in 1865.

4. How do Emancipation Day and Juneteenth help people remember freedom? Include what each day marks.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence museum label about the end of the Civil War. Start with surrender and Lincoln's death, then explain how freedom spread in Alabama and Texas and how people remember it today.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline a detail about surrender and circle a detail about Lincoln. Number one detail about freedom spreading and one about a celebration that you would use in a summary. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In one sentence, summarize what happened to Confederate armies as the war ended.	**Lee surrendered his army on April 9, 1865, and other Confederate armies surrendered in the following weeks.**
2	Summarize what happened to President Lincoln as the war was ending.	**Lincoln was shot on April 14, 1865, and died the next morning.**
3	Summarize how freedom spread in Alabama and Texas in 1865.	**As Union forces gained control, formerly enslaved people in Alabama began building new lives. Union troops announced freedom in Galveston, Texas, on June 19.**
4	How do Emancipation Day and Juneteenth help people remember freedom? Include what each day marks.	**Emancipation Day events can mark the date the Emancipation Proclamation took effect. Juneteenth remembers the June 19 announcement of freedom in Texas.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In April 1865, Lee surrendered his army, and other Confederate armies soon followed. Days later, President Lincoln was shot and died. As Union forces gained control, freedom spread in Alabama, and troops announced freedom in Galveston, Texas, on June 19. Today, Juneteenth celebrations remember that announcement and honor freedom.

Accept summaries in students' own words that connect the events rather than simply list dates. For the museum label, look for all four required topics in four sentences.