

Freedom Day Facts

Read about Juneteenth and mark important details.

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells what happened on June 19, 1865. Circle the year Juneteenth became a federal holiday.

Juneteenth

- ① Juneteenth is a holiday that remembers freedom for enslaved people in the United States. It began in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865. On that day, Union General Gordon Granger announced that enslaved people in Texas were free.
- ② President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation more than two years earlier. Still, many enslaved people in Texas had not learned about it. The June 19 announcement brought important news and became a day to remember freedom.
- ③ People first celebrated Juneteenth with gatherings, music, food, and prayers. Today, communities may hold parades, read stories, and learn history together. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021. The holiday honors freedom and reminds people to learn from history.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Where did the June 19, 1865, announcement happen?

2 Why had many enslaved people in Texas not celebrated freedom earlier?

3 Name two ways communities may observe Juneteenth today.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences for a class book about Juneteenth. Include what the holiday remembers and one way people may observe it today.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells what happened on June 19, 1865. Circle the year Juneteenth became a federal holiday. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where did the June 19, 1865, announcement happen?	Galveston, Texas.
2	Why had many enslaved people in Texas not celebrated freedom earlier?	They had not learned about the Emancipation Proclamation.
3	Name two ways communities may observe Juneteenth today.	Answers may include holding parades, reading stories, and learning history together.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Juneteenth remembers freedom for enslaved people in the United States. People may celebrate with gatherings, music, and learning history together.

Accept the stated location, reason, and any two celebration activities named in the passage. For Your Turn, accept two accurate sentences that name freedom for enslaved people and a fitting way to observe Juneteenth.