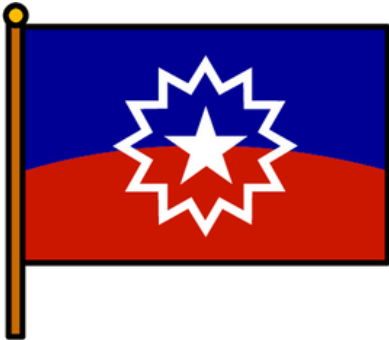
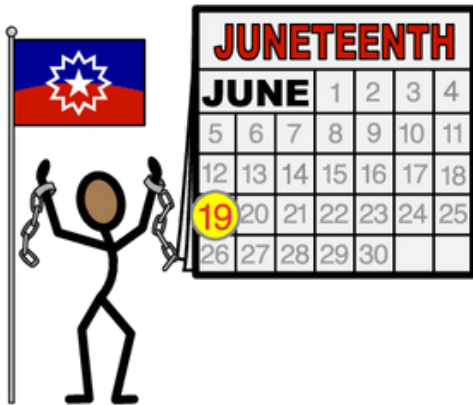


# Juneteenth



Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated on June 19th each year.



Juneteenth celebrates the day in history when all enslaved people in the United States were finally told they were free.



A long time ago in the United States, many African people and their relatives were enslaved.

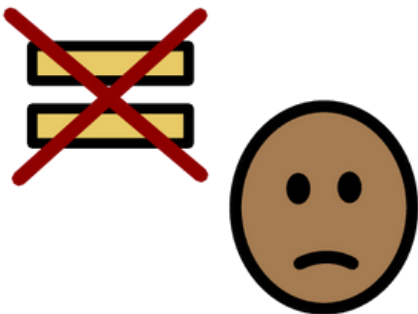
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People who were enslaved were treated very badly. They had no rights and could not make their own choices.

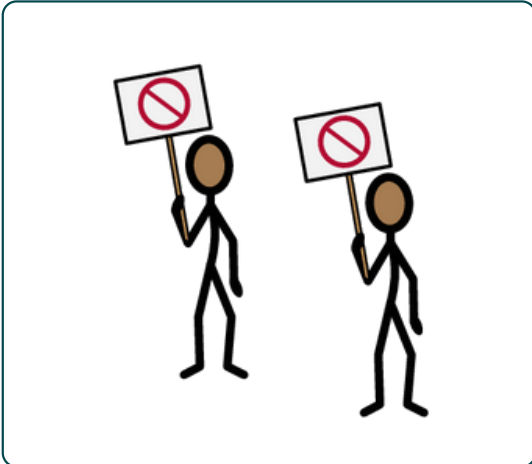


They were forced to work very hard without pay. They were treated like property, not like people.



Slavery is unfair, cruel, and wrong.

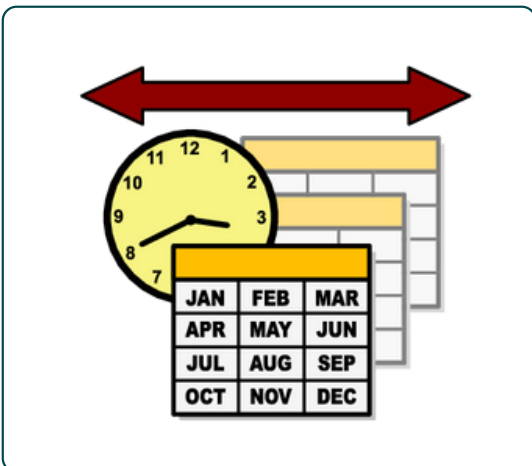
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Many people worked hard to stop slavery. They believed everyone should be free and treated equally.



President Abraham Lincoln made a rule called the Emancipation Proclamation, saying that all enslaved people should be free.

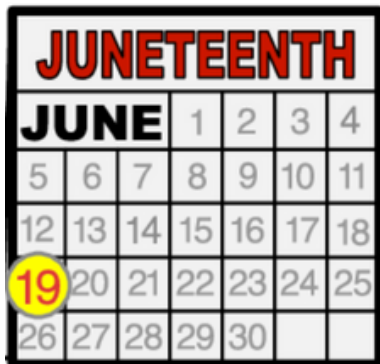


There were no phones or internet. It took years for everyone to hear about this rule.

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On June 19th, 1865, General Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas. He told everyone that all enslaved people were free.



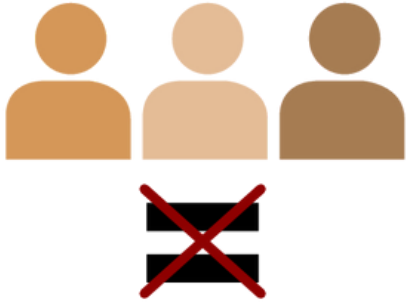
Juneteenth celebrates this day with a combination of the words “June” and “Nineteenth.”

Juneteenth is a federal holiday that is celebrated all across the country.



People celebrate Juneteenth in many ways. People cook food, have parties, parades, and listen to music together. People share stories and learn about African American history and culture.

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Juneteenth helps us think about racism. Racism is when people are treated differently and badly because of the color of their skin. This is wrong, unfair, and hurtful.



Juneteenth reminds us of why it's important to support each other and work to make sure everyone is treated fairly and with kindness.



Juneteenth is a happy and important day to learn about history, celebrate freedom and African American culture, and to think about how we can be kind and fair to everyone.