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CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is a special holiday celebrated in the United States every year on June 19.

It remembers the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Texas finally learned they were free.

This happened after the Civil War ended.

People celebrate Juneteenth in many ways. Families and friends gather together for cookouts, parades, music, dancing, and storytelling. Some people wear red clothing or eat red foods like watermelon and strawberry cake because the color red is a symbol of strength and joy.

Juneteenth is also a time to learn about history, freedom, and equality.

Schools, museums, and communities often hold events to teach people about the importance of this holiday.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated across the country as a day of remembrance and hope.

Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

freedom — Texas — June 19 — red — history — music

- 1.) Juneteenth is celebrated every year on _____.
- 2.) Enslaved people in _____ learned they were free in 1865.
- 3.) The holiday celebrates freedom and _____.
- 4.) Some people wear the color _____ during celebrations.
- 5.) Families enjoy food and _____ together.
- 6.) Juneteenth helps people learn about American _____.