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Juneteenth Reading Comprehension

Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated on June 19th each year in the United States.

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

Although President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, news traveled slowly.

More than two years later, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced freedom for enslaved people.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated with parades, music, food, storytelling, and family gatherings.

It became a federal holiday in 2021. Many people use the day to learn about African American history and culture.

QUESTIONS:

1.) When is Juneteenth celebrated?

2.) What happened in Texas in 1865?

3.) Who announced the freedom of enslaved people?

4.) Name two ways people celebrate Juneteenth today.

5.) When did Juneteenth become a federal holiday?

