

# What is

# JUNETEENTH?

Freedom Day • African American Independence Day • Jubilee Day

## Juneteenth is a...

### Time for celebration

This celebration marks a day in 1865 when enslaved Texans learned they'd be free—two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered and ended the Civil War and two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

### Time to reflect on our past

Juneteenth is more than an observance of freedom. It's also a time to share the experiences of those who fought—literally and figuratively—to seek true freedom for future generations.



**4-H celebrates and honors**

# 6.19.1865



# CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

## What does Freedom mean through storytelling?

Much of the reason we celebrate Juneteenth is due to the brave and beautiful stories shared by Black people in the past. The story of the day, June 19, 1865, has prevailed through Black ancestors oral storytelling, art, music, and dance.

In spirit of the many forms of storytelling, complete these activities to honor the meaning of Juneteenth and what African-Americans might have envisioned liberation to look like today.

### ACTIVITY #1

Choose an impactful Black figure from US history, and write a 500 word essay explaining their vision and contribution to the liberation of Black people.

### ACTIVITY #2

Create a piece of art, music, or dance that reflects why the day of Juneteenth is also referred to as Jubilee Day!

### ACTIVITY #3

Share what you learned in these activities with your club by practicing your oral storytelling skills. Tell the story in a way that keeps everyone at the edge of their seats!



### CLOVERBUD ACTIVITY

Use Activity #1 to draw a picture, make a song, or dance about something you learned from this person. Be sure to explain your art using the prompt in Activity #3.