

# 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**

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## **Create a “Future Freedom” Vision Board**

Create a collage (physical or digital) representing what freedom and equality should look like in the future. They can include images, quotes, or personal goals related to justice and inclusion.

## **Podcast or Audio Storytelling Challenge**

Participants record a short podcast episode or audio clip reflecting on a Juneteenth theme: “What freedom means to me” or “A story of courage I want to remember.” Encourage use of music or sound effects to enhance storytelling.

## **Juneteenth Time Capsule**

Have youth write letters, draw art, or collect items that represent this year’s Juneteenth and their hopes for the future. Seal everything in a “time capsule” to be opened in one year (or more).