

Juneteenth Resources

Black Past <https://www.blackpast.org/childrens-page/juneteenth/#:~:text=In%20the%2020th%20Century%2C%20as,the%20beginning%20of%20their%20freedom> Although it has long celebrated in the African American community, this monumental event remains largely unknown to most Americans. The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times.

Learning for Justice <https://www.learningforjustice.org/the-moment/june-17-2020-celebrating-juneteenth> Juneteenth, celebrated June 19, marks the day enslaved Texans learned they were free in June of 1865. While the history of the holiday includes the injustice of enslavement, Juneteenth should also be understood in the context of Black people's fight for justice and freedom. As Staff Writer Coshandra Dillard notes, "Students, particularly Black students, can find empowerment in the jubilant celebrations of culture, activism and the humanity of a people."

National Parks Service <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/juneteenth.htm> Juneteenth is the oldest known US celebration of the abolition of the chattel slave system, and the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in Texas. Celebrated on **June 19**, it became an official national holiday known as Juneteenth National Independence Day by law on June 17, 2021.

National Geographic <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/juneteenth?loggedin=true> So what's the story behind Juneteenth? Here's a look at the history of the holiday and how it has been celebrated through the years.

New York Public Library <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2019/06/18/juneteenth-kids-books> Kids' Books to Celebrate Juneteenth

PBS has numerous resources for parents, children, and educators:

- <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-juneteenth-and-other-celebrations-can-be-meaningful-for-your-family> (All ages) How Juneteenth (and other celebrations) can be meaningful for your family.
- <https://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/web-video/juneteenth-newest-american-federal-holiday> (Secondary) President Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the U.S.
- <https://kbtc.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/1cc3b3d6-6c27-442d-ba9d-c7a5fbf01ceb/juneteenth-all-about-the-holidays/> (All ages) Juneteenth – all about the holidays. Each June we celebrate the end of slavery in the United States in 1865. Across the country, family and friends gather to celebrate and learn more about the history and experience of African Americans before and after slavery.

Smithsonian Museum of African American History <https://nmaahc.si.edu/juneteenth> Juneteenth is a time to gather as a family, reflect on the past and look to the future. Discover ways to celebrate this African American cultural tradition of music, food and freedom.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/event/discover-pass-free-day-juneteenth> Juneteenth is one of the 12 days a year when a [Discover Pass](#) is not required to park on any land managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), [Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \(Parks\)](#), or the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \(WDFW\)](#).