

**CULTURAL  
AWARENESS**

# OBSERVANCE

Juneteenth

JUNE 19th

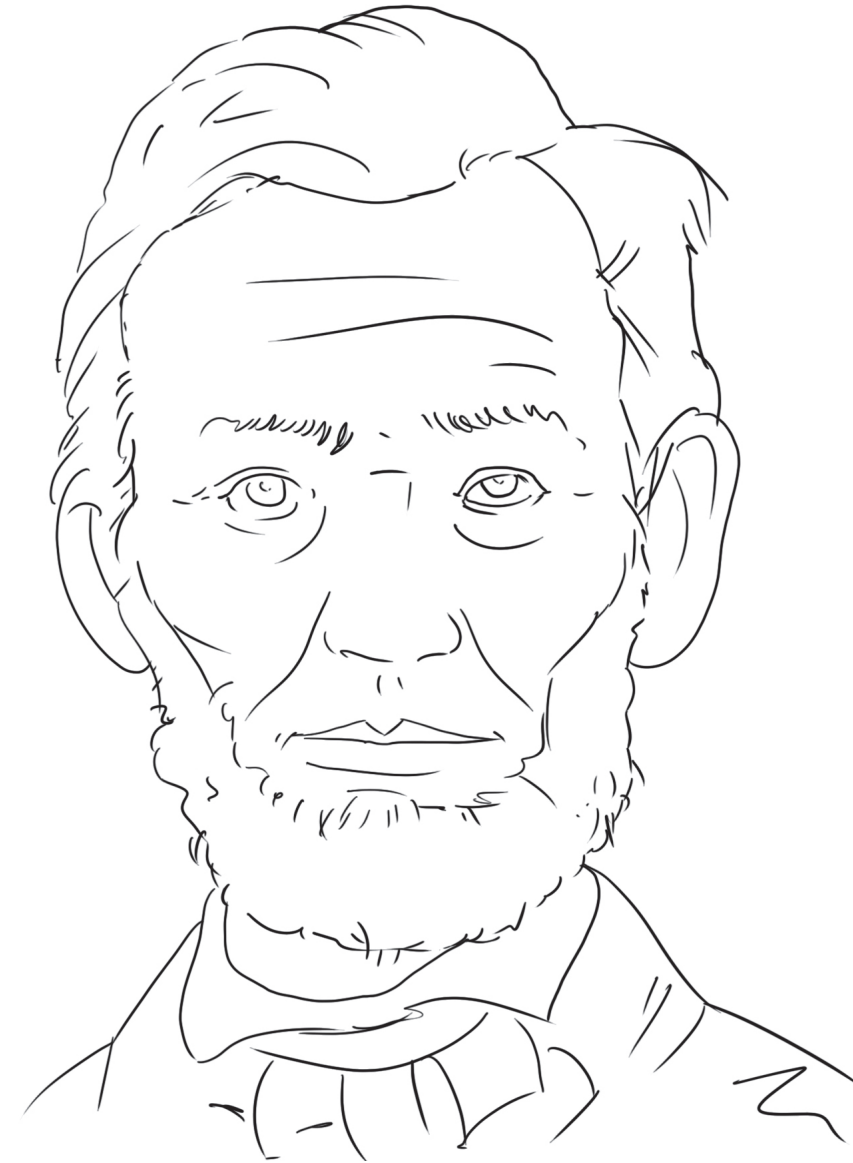
Juneteenth  
*Emancipation Day*

Celebrating  
**FREEDOM**



**Juneteenth**, the blending of the words June and nineteen, celebrates the end of slavery in the United States.

It is also known as Emancipation Day, Juneteenth Independence Day, and Black Independence Day. It pays homage to the day enslaved people of Galveston, Texas were informed that the Civil War had ended and they were now free.



*"I do order and declare that all persons held as  
**Slaves**  
within said designated States, and parts of States,*

***Are**  
and henceforward shall be  
**Free."***

- President Abraham Lincoln  
22 September 1862

# History Word Scramble

The time of the Civil War, the Underground Railroad, and the events leading up to Juneteenth were fraught with confusion and chaos at times. Read the passage below that talks about the history leading up to Juneteenth and unscramble the words along the way.

Juneteenth, or the 19th of (enJu) \_\_\_\_\_, marks the day where the people of Galveston, (saeTx) \_\_\_\_\_ finally learned that the Civil War had come to an end and that they were free.

President Abraham (nlnciLo) \_\_\_\_\_ had already signed the (cpnamiroEita) \_\_\_\_\_ (croPatamnoil) \_\_\_\_\_, which declared the end of (vasyrel) \_\_\_\_\_.

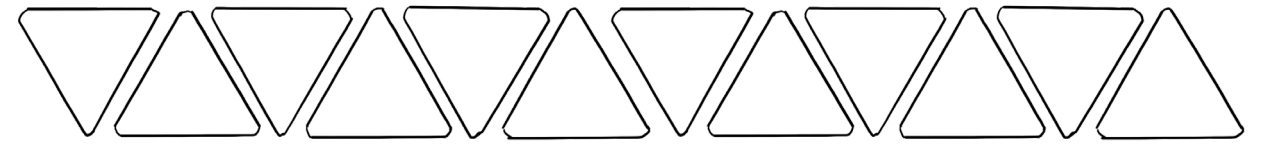
It took time for this news to reach everyone because of the difficulty in spreading information at that time, as well as many land and slave owners tried to hide the information so that they could still use the “free labor” of slaves.

On June 19th, 1865, U.S. Union Army Major General Granger Gordon arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced that those who had been enslaved were now free by reading (lenGear) \_\_\_\_\_ (rdOer) \_\_\_\_\_ No. 3.

Juneteenth is an important part of American (yrotshi) \_\_\_\_\_, as it is meant not only as a time to (ertaelceb) \_\_\_\_\_ the freeing of Black people from slavery, but also to remind us today of the struggles and injustices faced by enslaved people and the bravery and (lsiiendre) \_\_\_\_\_ of those who fought for freedom and equality.

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# JUNETEENTH VOCABULARY

Use the internet (with permission) or a dictionary to define terms in your own words.

1. Emancipation \_\_\_\_\_
2. Homage \_\_\_\_\_
3. Legislation \_\_\_\_\_
4. Observance \_\_\_\_\_
5. Abolished \_\_\_\_\_
6. Seceded \_\_\_\_\_
7. Perseverance \_\_\_\_\_
8. Enforce \_\_\_\_\_
9. Celebration \_\_\_\_\_
10. Resilience \_\_\_\_\_

