



## Juneteenth

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19. It marks the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Texas were finally told they were free.

Even though slavery had legally ended earlier, many people did not know they were free for over two years.

Juneteenth celebrates freedom finally reaching everyone.

### Context

At that time:

- News traveled slowly.
- Some leaders hid the truth.
- Many people stayed enslaved longer than they should have.

Freedom existed in law but not yet in real life.

Juneteenth teaches that fairness must truly reach everyone.

It reminds us that justice is not complete until all people experience it.