

JUNETEENTH!

Answer key

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Information you need to include	Notes
Why the celebration is called <i>Juneteenth</i>	<i>It is a combination of the words 'June' and 'nineteenth'</i>
How long Juneteenth has been celebrated.	<i>It has been celebrated since 1865, so 158 years (in 2023)</i>
Who informed the enslaved people of their freedom and the name of the order he read.	<i>Major General Gordon Granger read General Order number 3</i>
Where it first took place.	<i>In (Galveston) Texas</i>

Juneteenth is celebrated on the day enslaved people in Texas learned they were free. It is called 'Juneteenth' because the word is a combination of the words 'June' and 'nineteenth'. On June 19th 1865, Major General Gordon Granger read General Order number 3 in Galveston (Texas), informing the enslaved people in Texas they were free. Juneteenth has been celebrated for 158 years and is important because it is also a celebration of Black culture. It is also important because some Black people don't like to celebrate Independence day on the 4th of July.

- 2 *The 2.5 miles she walks symbolise the 2.5 years between the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and the real emancipation of enslaved people in Texas on June 19th 1865.*

- 3** *The colours (red, white, and blue) represent the colours of the American flag and that all enslaved people and their children are American.
The curved line represents a new horizon.
The star represents Texas, but also the freedom of Black people in America.
The starburst represents a new beginning for all African Americans.*
- 5a** *The 4th of July did not mean much to the American slave because it is a day on which freedom is/was celebrated. Between 1776 and 1865, slavery was still practised and enslaved people could not celebrate their freedom.*
- 5b** *On Juneteenth, Black people come together to celebrate their culture and remember their past. They can also share their culture with others. A lot of injustices still happen against Black people in the US, which are also commemorated on Juneteenth. Remembering that things can get better (like the end of slavery) also gives people hope that things will get better now, too.*
- 6a** *Keti Koti means 'Broken Chains' and it is the day the end of slavery in Suriname is celebrated and remembered. Keti Koti is celebrated on the 1st of July.*
- 6b** *For example: On both days, the end of slavery is celebrated and commemorated. Juneteenth is a national holiday. Keti Koti is a national holiday in Suriname, but not in the Netherlands. Many people want it to become a national holiday here too.*