June 19 1865

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Juneteenth has a 158 year history as a day of remembrance and celebration. On June 19, 1865 Union troops liberated the last enslaved people, informing them they were free, having been legally liberated two years earlier by the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863.

Did you know?

It hasn't always been known as Juneteenth. Original celebrations of this day were named "Jubilee Day."

1865
The 13th Amendment was passed, officially abolishing slavery in America.

1979
Texas legally recognizes Juneteenth as an official, paid holiday. Soon, other states begin to proclaim Juneteenth as a holiday.

1997
Boston's Ben Haith creates Juneteenth's official flag.

2019
47 states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth.

2021
U.S. Senate passes a bill making Juneteenth a federal holiday.

How are you celebrating or reflecting on **Juneteenth**?
Remember: There is no one way to celebrate or honor the lives of Black Americans. Be sure to share your **#Juneteenth** celebrations.