

# Activity Book

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#### What is Juneteenth?

Long ago, African Americans were enslaved for hundreds of years in America.

Juneteenth is a holiday that celebrates the day that all those who were enslaved were set free!

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The word Juneteenth combines the words June and nineteen.





### The Emancipation Proclamation

On January 1, 1863, the **Emancipation Proclamation set** all enslaved people in the United States free, but slaves in the South were not informed. The news of the war ending was announced to African American slaves by Major General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. Juneteenth celebrates the day that all slaves were told that they were free!



## **Celebrating Juneteenth!**

People around the world celebrate
Juneteenth! This is a time for all people to
remember those who were enslaved and
their contributions to our world.

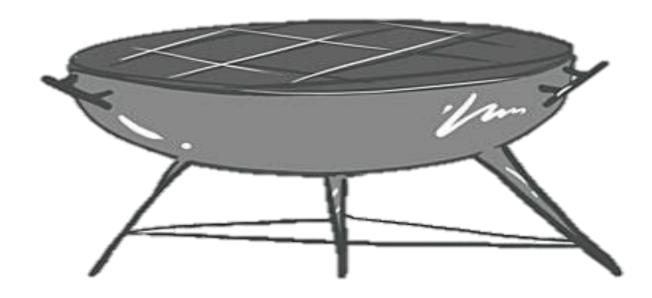


Each year, festivals and parades are held to celebrate the holiday! Many people also celebrate by hosting barbeques, fishing, and going to rodeos!



Juneteenth began as an African American holiday celebrated by feasting, dancing, and singing. Today, people celebrate Juneteenth, with activities such as fishing, baseball games, and barbeques.

Feasts are still a part of Juneteenth celebrations. What food would you like to see on the barbeque? Draw them on the grill below.



### **Color Your Own Juneteenth Flag**

The Juneteenth flag is red, white, and blue as a reminder that African American slaves were Americans. The star in the middle of the flag symbolizes freedom.

