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Juneteenth

    Juneteenth became a federal holiday in the United States on June 15th, 2021. The word Juneteenth was created by blending together the words "June" and "nineteenth" to commemorate the day in 1865 that Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger led soldiers into Galveston, Texas, to announce that the Union had won the war, and it now had the power to enforce an end to slavery. According to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, on that day, Granger read out General Order No. 3, which said in part:

    "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer."

1. How did Juneteenth get its name?

2. What did General Order No. 3 say?