

Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. It started in Galveston,

Texas and is now celebrated every year on June 19 across the United States.



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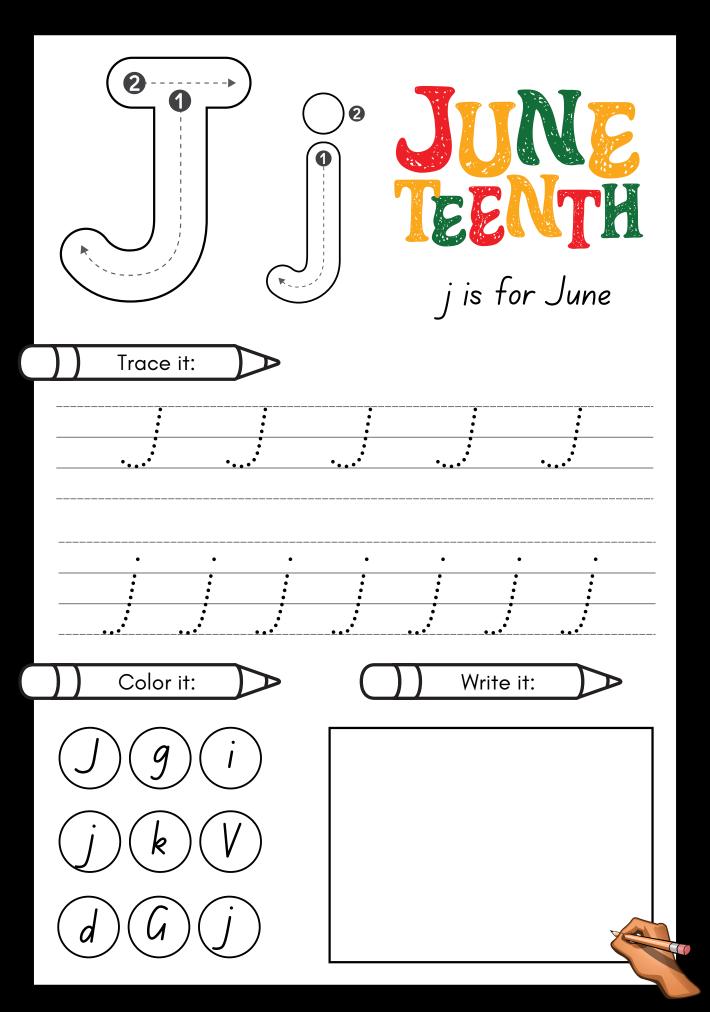


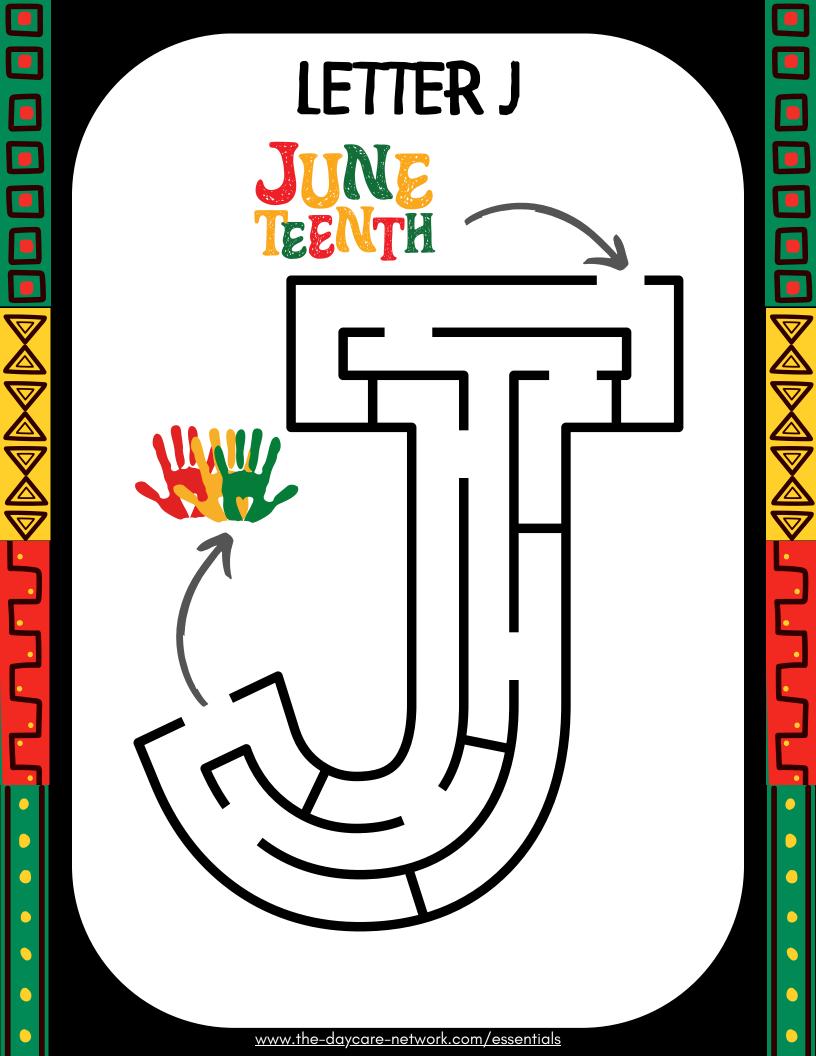
Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, marks the day in 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that all enslaved people were free. This was more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. The name "Juneteenth" is a blend of "June" and "nineteenth," and it honors the moment when freedom finally reached the last enslaved African Americans in the United States.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation declared freedom for enslaved people in Confederate states, it wasn't enforceable in many areas until Union troops arrived. Texas, being one of the most remote Confederate states, saw delayed enforcement due to limited military presence. Juneteenth became a powerful symbol of freedom and resilience, and over time, communities began to celebrate it with music, food, prayer services, and educational events honoring African American history and culture.

Juneteenth was officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, reflecting its deep importance in American history. Today, it is celebrated across the country through parades, festivals, family gatherings, and moments of reflection. Juneteenth reminds us of the long and ongoing struggle for equality, and it continues to inspire hope, unity, and pride.









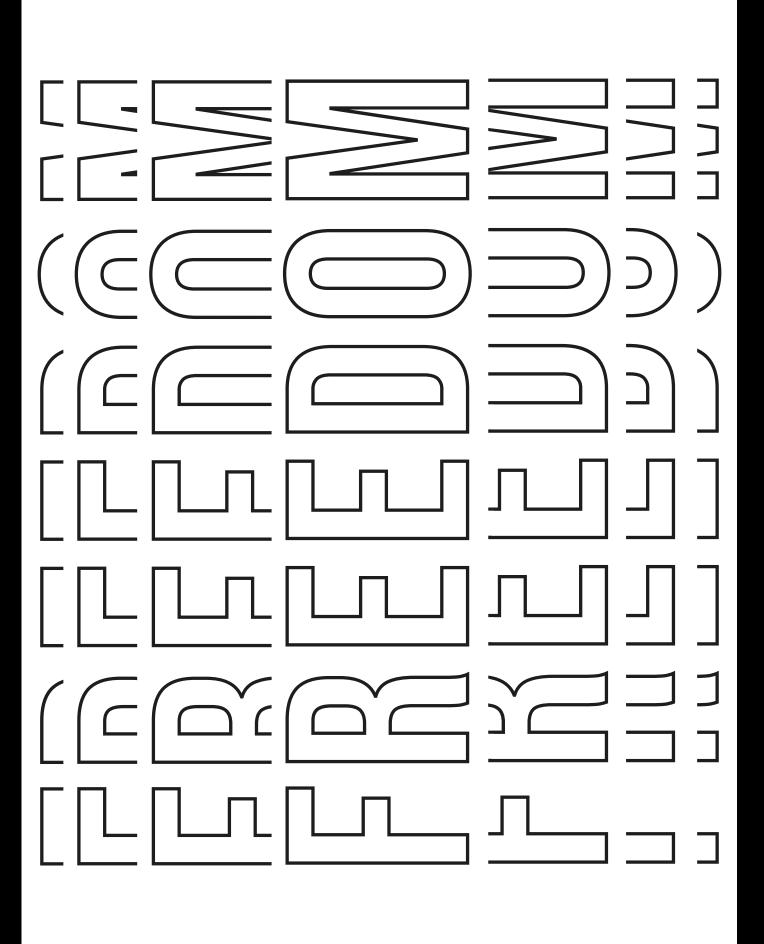
















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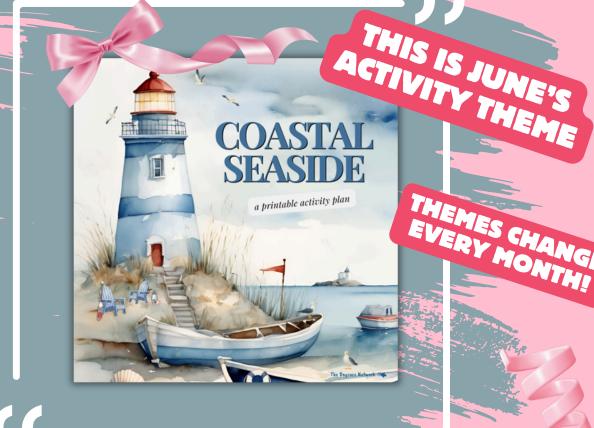
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