



# Welcome!

## Grade 5, **Research Unit**

### Beyond Juneteenth: 1865 to Present

This unit will take students on a journey beyond Juneteenth.

### What's the story?

Students will learn about Juneteenth. They will also explore specific contributions of African Americans from 1865 to present day.

### What will my student learn?

Students will learn about General Granger's announcement in Galveston, Texas on June 19th, 1865: a day marked in history as Juneteenth, when all enslaved African Americans were freed. A review of the first freedom announcement, President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, will provide students with background knowledge to further emphasize the significance of Juneteenth in American history. They will use read-alouds, independent, and partner reading to learn about African American contributions from 1865 to present.

Students will participate in a virtual field trip to Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas and utilize the knowledge sequence in this unit to collaboratively generate research questions about Juneteenth, The Great Migration, innovators and inventors, education, the humanities, activists, and allies. They will also research to find answers to their generated questions, gather information, and write a four chapter Beyond Juneteenth book.

### Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. Where and when did the Juneteenth announcement occur?  
**Follow up:** What did you learn on the virtual trip to Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas?
2. Where were some hubs across the United States for African Americans during The Great Migration of 1916-1970?  
**Follow up:** What were some reasons African Americans migrated to different states during The Great Migration?
3. Who are some notable African American inventors and innovators?  
**Follow up:** What are some products and innovations created by African American inventors that we use daily?

4. Who were some leaders that contributed to the progression of education in America?

**Follow up:** How did they change the way students are educated today?

5. Who are some artists, scholars, and writers that pioneered in their fields?

**Follow up:** What were their contributions to history and/or present day?

6. Who are activists and allies that worked together for change in America?

**Follow up:** Why are allies important for activism?