

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

***JUNETEENTH***



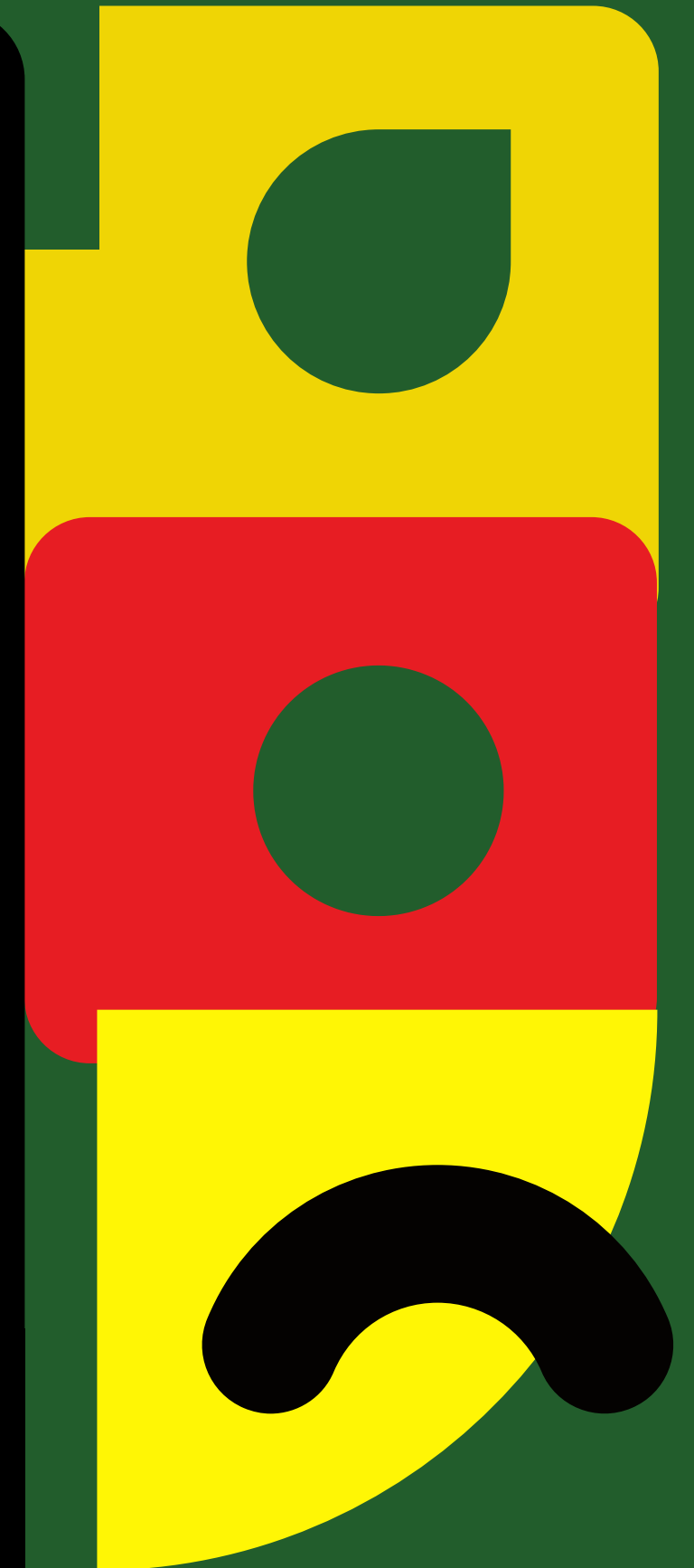
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# WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

**Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery. Juneteenth is also called Emancipation Day or Freedom Day. On**

**June 19th, 1865 Major General Gordon Granger and his soldiers journeyed to Texas to announce the end of slavery. Even though**

**President Lincoln had announced the end of slavery two years prior, many opposing forces worked to keep the good news out of Texas.**



# FAST FACTS

## Many Countries Celebrate Juneteenth

Countries around the world use Juneteenth to recognize the end of slavery and celebrate the culture and achievements of African Americans.

## The time after Juneteenth is called the "Scatter"

The "Scatter" refers to how many former enslaved people left Texas to reunite with their families and find better lives up North.

## Most of The United States Celebrates Juneteenth

As of now, 47 states recognize Juneteenth as a holiday. This includes the District of Columbia.

