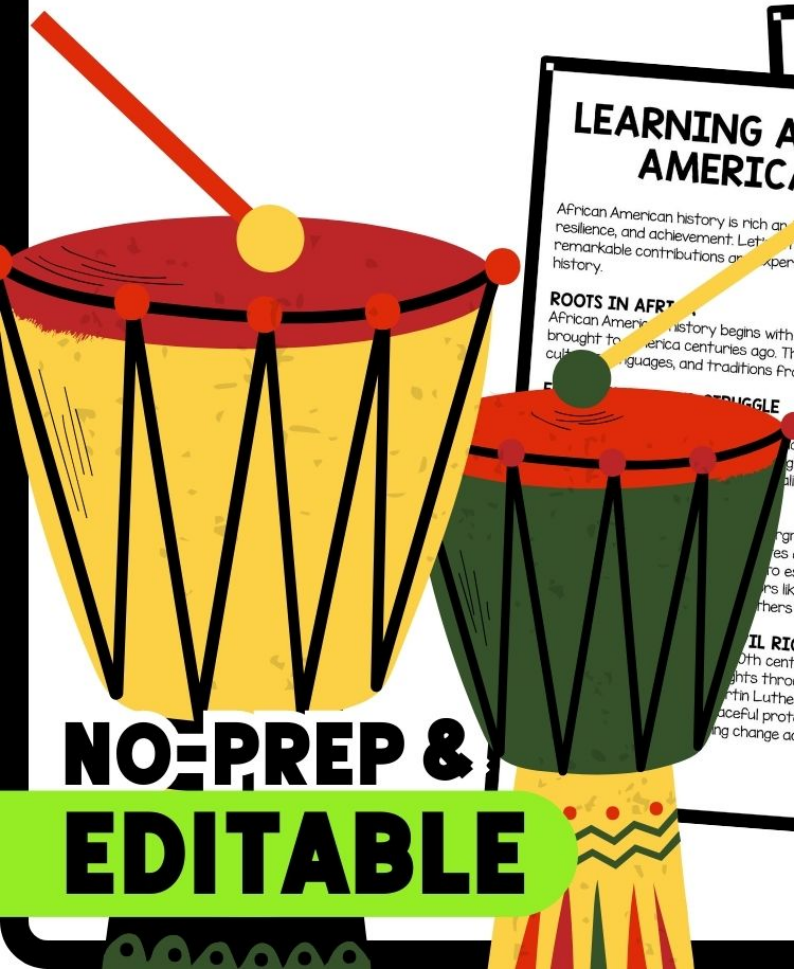


# Juneteenth

# HISTORY

## READING COMPREHENSION



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**READING COMPREHENSION**  
**MCQ'S**  
**QUESTIONS**  
**ANSWER KEY**

**CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS**  
African Americans have made significant contributions to American culture in music, art, literature, and more. Figures like Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes, and Zora Neale Hurston have inspired generations.

**LEARNING ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
African American history is rich and diverse, filled with stories of courage, resilience, and achievement. Let's embark on a journey to learn about the remarkable contributions and experiences of African Americans throughout history.

**ROOTS IN AFRICA**  
African American history begins with the roots of enslaved Africans who were brought to America centuries ago. These individuals brought with them vibrant cultures, languages, and traditions from their homeland in Africa.

**STRUGGLE**  
Despite the harsh realities of slavery in America, African Americans fought through their strength and perseverance, they achieved freedom and equality.

**UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**  
The Underground Railroad was a secret network of safe houses and routes that helped enslaved people escape to free states and Canada. Famous figures like Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass were instrumental in this movement.

**CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**  
In the 20th century, African Americans fought through the Civil Rights Movement for equality. Leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks led peaceful protests and achieved landmark legislation like the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?**  
Juneteenth is a federal holiday that commemorates the day when enslaved African Americans in Texas learned of their freedom. It is celebrated on June 19th each year.

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**  
Juneteenth is an important day in American history, highlighting the struggles and triumphs of African Americans. It is a time to reflect on the progress made and the work that still needs to be done to achieve true equality and justice for all.

**HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE?**  
There are many ways to celebrate Juneteenth, including attending community events, having picnics, and participating in cultural activities. It is a time to come together and honor the legacy of African Americans.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
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### ENSLAVEMENT AND STRUGGLE

For many years, African Americans faced the harsh realities of slavery in America. They endured unimaginable hardships and injustices, yet they never lost hope for a better future. Through their strength and perseverance, they paved the way for freedom and equality.

### THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

During the time of slavery, the Underground Railroad served as a network of secret routes and safe houses used by enslaved individuals to escape to free states and Canada. Brave conductors like Harriet Tubman risked their lives to lead others to freedom.



### THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

In the 20th century, African Americans fought for their rights through the Civil Rights Movement. Leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X led peaceful protests and advocated for equality, inspiring change across the nation.

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### CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS

African Americans have made significant contributions to American culture in music, art, literature, and more. Icons like Duke Ellington, Maya Angelou, and Langston Hughes have left lasting legacies that continue to inspire people around the world.



### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

Today, we celebrate African American achievements in every aspect of society. From science and technology to sports and politics, African Americans have made groundbreaking contributions that have shaped our world.

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As we learn about African American history, we honor the past while looking to the future. It is essential to recognize the struggles and triumphs of African Americans and work towards a more inclusive and equitable society for all.

### CONCLUSION

African American history is an integral part of American history, highlighting the strength, resilience, and diversity of our nation. By learning about African American heritage, we gain a deeper understanding of our shared humanity and the importance of unity in creating a better world for future generations.

## READING COMPREHENSION

### COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED



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Date\_\_\_\_\_

## LEARNING ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

### 1. What is the focus of the passage?

- a) Exploring African American cuisine
- b) Learning about African American history
- c) Discovering African American fashion
- d) Studying African American wildlife

### 2. Where do the roots of African American history originate?

- a) Europe
- b) Africa
- c) Asia
- d) South America

### 3. What served as a network for enslaved individuals to escape to free states?

- a) Civil Rights Movement
- b) Underground Railroad
- c) Emancipation Proclamation
- d) Declaration of Independence

### 4. Who was a prominent figure in leading others to freedom through the Underground Railroad?

- a) Martin Luther King Jr.
- b) Rosa Parks
- c) Harriet Tubman
- d) Malcolm X

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

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5. What is celebrated as a significant African American heritage?

### 5. Which movement advocated for equality in the 20th century?

- a) Abolitionist Movement
- b) Civil Rights Movement
- c) Suffrage Movement
- d) Environmental Movement

### 6. Who is known for their contributions to African American culture?

- a) Duke Ellington
- b) Maya Angelou
- c) Langston Hughes
- d) Rosa Parks

### 7. What is celebrated in the passage as a part of African American heritage?

- a) Contributions to American culture
- b) Contributions to European culture
- c) Contributions to Asian culture
- d) Contributions to Oceanic culture

### 8. What is emphasized as important when studying African American history?

- a) Recognizing struggles and triumphs
- b) Ignoring the past
- c) Focusing only on achievements
- d) Disregarding cultural contributions

### 9. How is the future viewed in relation to African American history?

- a) With pessimism
- b) With indifference
- c) With optimism
- d) With uncertainty

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQS

1. b) Learning about African American history
2. b) Africa
3. b) Underground Railroad
4. c) Harriet Tubman
5. b) Civil Rights Movement
6. b) Maya Angelou
7. a) Contributions to American culture
8. a) Recognizing struggles and triumphs
9. c) With optimism
10. a) Inclusivity and equity

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Learning about African American history.
2. Africa.
3. Underground Railroad.
4. Harriet Tubman.
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ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

10 - MCQ'S & 5 QUESTIONS

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