



JUNETEENTH RESOURCES

For Kids:

The National Museum of African American History & Culture has a great booklet about how to introduce and celebrate the holiday with younger children, called "Understanding and Celebrating Juneteenth."

https://nmaahc.si.edu/sites/default/files/files/nmaahc_kids_-_juneteenth_resource.pdf

Parents magazine has a nice introduction to Juneteenth, with links to more articles and ways to celebrate with kids:

<https://www.parents.com/holiday/what-is-juneteenth-explaining-the-history-of-the-holiday-to-kids/>

Parents magazine also recommends some books about the holiday for kids:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/responsibility/racism/great-books-to-teach-kids-about-juneteenth/>

Short videos:

An introduction to the holiday and why it is important: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu6ntwHws5g>

Why all Americans should honor Juneteenth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FX-lisvrj8>

The Sunday TODAY show, "Celebrating the History of Juneteenth, Lessons in Modern America:"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBtIHTcDfYg>

CBS Sunday Morning, "America's Second Independence Day:"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOcSSvkrnjM>

Opal Lee, the Grandmother of Juneteenth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrD6jwFa9MQ>

(Visit this website and learn more about Opal Lee: <https://www.opalswalk2dc.com/about>)

A two-minute (silent) video of a Juneteenth parade in Texas in 1925 (yes, 1925):

<https://news.yale.edu/2020/06/19/celebrating-juneteenth-solomon-sir-jones-films>

Henry Louis Gates Jr. on the significance of Juneteenth:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6unHgUZ6IA>

How to celebrate Juneteenth, from Good Morning America:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDIPDpUwQBc>

The best food to enjoy on Juneteenth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBkKLD-mWcY>

Why we enjoy red foods on Juneteenth: <https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/what-is-juneteenth>

Juneteenth is the perfect day to LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, which has been called the Black national anthem: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONqOH_tq7-Q

SWING LOW SWEET CHARIOT is another Juneteenth favorite:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljup8clRzIk>

Got more time and interest? Here's a 40 minute video lecture on the history of Juneteenth:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dli_53jihMM

Consider watching MISS JUNETEENTH, a 2020 drama about a single mom, her daughter, and a pageant - here's the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cC7ecoUdLqs>

Articles:

"What Juneteenth Means to CT Community Leaders," from the Connecticut Post:

<https://www.ctpost.com/news/slideshow/What-Juneteenth-means-to-CT-community-leaders-204036.php>

Are some people asking, "Why can't we all just celebrate the Fourth of July?" Read Frederick Douglass' powerful speech "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"

https://masshumanities.org/files/programs/douglass/speech_abridged_med.pdf

Listen to Ossie Davis reading Douglass' speech: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-cVwuMmyIA>

Here is a video with excerpts from that speech, read by some of Douglass' descendants:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBe5qbnkqoM>

Juneteenth events around the state:

June 10 at 5pm - Jubilee Block Party, Russell Restaurant **Hartford** (860 727-4014)

June 10 4pm - Black and Denim Day Soiree , City Lounge, **Bridgeport** (347 295-6678)

June 11 1p-5p Vendor Pop Up, Warehouse 635, 635 New Park Ave in **West Hartford** (860 264-5542)

June 16 afternoon - Juneteenth for Kids at KNOX in **Hartford** (75 Laurel Street) (860 951-7694)

June 16 5:30p Picnic and 6:30 Evening Prayer service - Villano Park (Mill Rock Park) **Hamden** (hosted by St. Luke's and Trinity on the Green)

June 17 6pm - Celebration at the Wadsworth Atheneum **Hartford** . www.thewadsworth.org

June 17 - Juneteenth Celebration, **New Haven** Green Noon <https://www.artidea.org/juneteenth>

June 17 11am-3pm - Juneteenth Celebration, Brent Watt Park, **West Haven**

June 17 11a-4pm - Juneteenth at the **New Britain** Museum of American Art (860 229-0257)

June 17 10:30a-2:30p - Juneteenth at Peters House, Burnt Hill Park in **Hebron** CT

June 17 12p-4p - Juneteenth - **Simsbury** Meadows, 22 Iron Horse Blvd. in Simsbury

June 17 3p-9:30p - Juneteenth concerts at Salmon Brook Park in **Granby** www.granbyrr.com

June 17 11am - **Bloomfield** Parade, 5K Run and Community Cookout Parade, Flag Raising at 330 Park Ave dbanks@bluehillfire.org

June 18 following the 11am service - potluck at St. Paul's on the Green, **Norwalk** -

www.stpaulsnorwalk.org

June 19 11a-2pm - Celebration March from Coe Park to City Hall and then Trinity Church, **Torrington** conradsank@gmail.com

June 23 4:30p-8p - Juneteenth at the Hill-Stead Museum in **Farmington** www.hillstead.org

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