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Dual Freedoms

Directions: Read the short description below, then write a response comparing Juneteenth and Independence Day. Focus on how each holiday celebrates freedom, who it honors, and what each means to Americans today.

On July 4, 1776, the United States declared independence from Britain. For many, Independence Day became a symbol of liberty and self-rule. Yet, not everyone experienced that freedom. Enslaved African Americans continued to live without rights for nearly another century. Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, marks the day in 1865 when news of emancipation reached enslaved people in Texas, the last state to hear of freedom.

Both holidays celebrate freedom-but in different ways. Independence Day honors the birth of a nation, while Juneteenth celebrates freedom fulfilled for all its people. Today, both are moments to reflect, celebrate, and remember that liberty grows stronger when shared by everyone.

In a short paragraph, compare how Juneteenth and Independence Day are alike and how they are different. Consider:

- What each holiday celebrates
- Who was included in that freedom
- How Americans celebrate each one today

Write at least **five complete sentences** showing your understanding.
