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Freedom Fill-In Answer Key

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| 1. slavery | 6. June |
| 2. 1863 | 7. Union |
| 3. Emancipation | 8. freedom |
| 4. Texas | 9. celebrate |
| 5. news | 10. hope |

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Grades 3-4: Read the passage aloud and let students highlight clues before filling in blanks.
 - Grades 5: Challenge students to write one extra sentence explaining why Juneteenth was important.
 - Provide visual aids (a simple timeline or map of Texas) for context support.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - After finishing, have students circle the word that means the most to them and explain why.
 - Play soft instrumental music while reading to create a reflective tone.
 - Let students color a Juneteenth banner with the words *freedom*, *unity*, and *hope*.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to create their own "Freedom Fact" sentence using at least two words from the word bank.
 - Research one symbol or color often used during Juneteenth and share its meaning.
 - Connect to writing: have students compose a short poem or acrostic using the word **FREEDOM** to show what the holiday means to them.