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Freedom Timeline Check Answer Key

1. **Myth** - The Proclamation declared freedom in Confederate states, but it took time and enforcement for it to reach all enslaved people.
2. **True** - General Granger delivered General Order No. 3 in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865.
3. **Myth** - Juneteenth has been celebrated since 1866, long before it became a federal holiday.
4. **True** - Some had heard rumors of freedom, but they waited for the Union Army's official word.
5. **True** - "Juneteenth" comes from the blend of *June* and *nineteenth*.
6. **True** - The first celebrations included food, prayer, song, and community gatherings.
7. **Myth** - Juneteenth honors the final enforcement of freedom, symbolizing the end of slavery across the whole nation.
8. **True** - It grew to represent equality and perseverance for all Americans.
9. **Myth** - The news reached Texas over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, not weeks after the war began.
10. **True** - President Joe Biden signed Juneteenth into law as a federal holiday in 2021.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Grades 6-7: Provide students with a short Juneteenth timeline to reference before answering.
 - Grades 8-9: Challenge students to write one full-sentence correction for each myth.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn it into a class quiz game ("Truth or Myth Showdown!").
 - Read each statement aloud and have students hold up cards marked T or M.