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Chains To Change

Directions: Reflect on the meaning of Juneteenth and its message of freedom, perseverance, and justice. Then, write one thoughtful paragraph connecting Juneteenth's lessons to a current social issue that still affects people today.



Reflection Prompt:

Juneteenth marks the day freedom was finally announced to enslaved people in Texas-two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. It stands as a reminder that justice delayed is justice denied, and that true freedom requires ongoing effort.

Think about a current social issue-such as racial inequality, education access, criminal justice reform, or voting rights-and explain how the message of Juneteenth still applies. Use examples, emotions, and reflection in your paragraph.

Helpful Starters:

- "Juneteenth reminds us that..."
- "Today, people are still working for freedom in..."
- "Just like the fight for freedom in 1865..."
- "Juneteenth's message of hope and equality connects to..."
