

## Freedom's Ripple Effect

**Directions:** Read each cause and determine its direct effect related to the Emancipation Proclamation and Juneteenth. Then, explain how these connected events created a "chain of freedom" in U.S. history. Write your responses in complete sentences.

History often moves like a chain-one action sparking another, and another, until change spreads everywhere. The Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, declared enslaved people in Confederate states free. However, the news traveled slowly, and many enslaved people remained unaware of their freedom for years.

When Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, they read General Order No. 3, announcing that all enslaved people were free. This event became the birth of Juneteenth-a celebration of long-awaited freedom. The cause and effect chain didn't end there: Juneteenth inspired generations to keep pushing for equality, education, and justice in America.

## **Cause and Effect Practice:**

1.	Cause: President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.
	Effect:
2.	Cause: News of emancipation traveled slowly across the South.
	Effect:
3.	Cause: Union troops reached Texas and read General Order No. 3.
	Effect:
4.	Cause: Formerly enslaved people celebrated their freedom in Texas.
	Effect:
5.	Cause: Juneteenth became a symbol of freedom and resilience.
	Effect:

