Juneteenth blog post June 19

Recognized in 46 states as a holiday, Juneteenth celebrates June 19th – the day in 1865 that word of Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves, made its way to the state of Texas.

The National Juneteenth Observance Foundation states that the observance of Juneteenth “is about the journey and achievement of African Americans - from a horrific period of sanctioned enslavement to the pinnacle of human endeavors.” <https://www.juneteenth.com/welcome.htm>

Though the date has not yet been declared a national holiday, despite efforts by the Juneteenth Foundation, it is a date observed by many Americans across the country. We hope you’ll find these related resources of interest.

* In “What Is Juneteenth?” Henry Louis Gates reflects on the history of the holiday, and shares the remarkable story of how, in the words he shares from scholar William H. Wiggins Jr, Juneteenth took on “a life of its own.” <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/what-is-juneteenth/>
* This calendar entry fron ReadWriteThink.org provides activity ideas and resource links.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/celebrate-juneteenth-20547.html>

* In this ReadWriteThink lesson, students use the Venn Diagram to compare Juneteenth celebrations to Fourth of July celebrations and hypothesize about the differences.

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* The Library of Congress's Civil Rights Resource Guide includes an extensive selection of links to digital collections from its archives, including the Frederick Douglass Papers

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the Rosa Parks Papers

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/rosa-parks-papers/about-this-collection/>

and

From Slavery to Freedom: The African-American Pamphlet Collection, 1822-1909

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/african-american-perspectives-rare-books/about-this-collection/>

* Hidden Legends: Clara Luper – this photo essay based on the life of Oklahoma teacher and Civil Rights activist Clara Luper (1923 - 2011) argues that Luper’s story is not an Oklahoma story but a national one.

<http://projects.oudaily.com/clara-luper/>

(more options below)

Wondering -- Is it appropriate to add more resources from individuals, etc, or should we stick with links from organizations? Not sure how much scrutiny this post might undergo - ?

* Larry Ferlazzo’s website offers a list of resources for learning about Juneteenth. <https://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2020/06/09/june-19th-is-juneteenth-here-are-related-teaching-learning-resources-2/>
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interviews with Marilyn Luper Hildreth, daughter of teacher and civil rights activist Clara Luper

 second installation of a three-part OU Daily series exploring the stories of prominent black women in OU history.

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In May the National Museum of African American History and Culture announced its "Talking about Race" portal, which includes resources to inform and guide discussions about race, as well as linnks to published research from leading experts, activists, historians, and thought leaders on race, equity, and inclusion.