



June 19, 1865

This is the Juneteenth Flag, a symbolic representation of the end of slavery in the United States. It was invented by Ben Haith, founder of the National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (NJCF) in 1997. The star in the middle is white and represents Texas, the 'Lone Star State', into which Union Army Major General Gordon Granger rode on June 19, 1865 to tell enslaved African Americans of their emancipation. The star burst around the star is inspired by a nova, representing a new beginning for African Americans throughout the land. The arc that extends across the width of the flag represents a new horizon and the opportunities that lay ahead for black Americans.

**TRACE** the dotted lines; **COLOR** the bottom of the flag **RED** and the top, **BLUE** while leaving the star burst, star and date **WHITE**.