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Analyzing the Sources

Instructions: Answer the questions below based on the “Juneteenth Sources” handout.

Part 1: Symbolism in Juneteenth Commemorations

1. In Juneteenth celebrations, food and dress are often “symbolic,” which means they are objects that represent ideas. Identify three examples from the sources on food and dress and explain how they are symbolic.

2. In Juneteenth celebrations, people sometimes take part in “rituals,” which are specific actions or ceremonies that people do because they are symbolic. Identify two examples from the sources on rituals and explain how they are symbolic.

Part 2: Meaning and Significance of Juneteenth Commemorations

1. The Juneteenth holiday means different things to different people. Identify and explain two examples from the sources on the meaning and significance of Juneteenth that reveal what the Juneteenth holiday means to individual African Americans or African American communities.

2. Identify and explain two examples from the sources on the meaning and significance of Juneteenth that reveal how the Juneteenth holiday serves as a reminder of America’s past or a call for action in the present.