

Juneteenth! - - - Galveston, Texas

#1

What is the backstory of Ashton Villa? Summarize the article in at least 5 sentences

Answers will vary

What is the Architecture type? Why is this important?

Italianate Villa, Answers will vary

#2

What is the significance of the building?

General Gordon issued the "General Order #3" from the balcony of the Ashton Villa. In doing so, Texas slaves were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation.

Where did the reading of the Orders happen?

From the balcony of Ashton Villa

What impact did General Orders No. 3 have on Texas?

Freed the slaves

What was the difference between the condition of Texas slaves and other Southern slaves?

Texas slaves were further from the North and more cut off from the news of what was going on. They were also further from escaping.

#3

Do all historians agree that this is exactly what happened?

No

What are the disagreements over what actually happened?

Some say that there is not enough evidence to prove that the order was actually read at Aston Villa

We know from studying history that sometimes the story of events changes over time. Why is the widely accepted view of what happened at Ashton Villa (General Granger's reading of the order of Emancipation) considered true despite concrete evidence that it is true?

Answers may vary

#4

How was Juneteenth celebrated in the 1800s?

BBQ's, dances, parades

How is Juneteenth celebrated in the 21st century? (Do a google search, list 3 ways it is celebrated in the 21st century) Answers will vary

#5

Evaluate why the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation wants Juneteenth to be a National Holiday Observance. List 3 reasons.

- To heal the country from slavery
- Unity and reconciliation to the country
- Other states want to celebrate as well

Read the Congressional documents from the other two links and be prepared to discuss.

- If optional Homework is given, students can use these links as part of their research on the argument