

The Juneteenth Story

VOCABULARY

Word	Student-friendly definition
bask	to enjoy and feel happy in the warmth of the sun or something nice happening
fortunate	to feel lucky because something good happened
descendant	people in your family who come after you, like your children or grandchildren
glimmer	a small, shiny light or a tiny bit of hope
independent	being able to do things on your own without needing help
oppose	to disagree with or try to stop something
surrender	to give up when you know you can't win
declare	to say something in a strong and clear way so everyone knows
perseverance	to keep trying and not give up, even when something is hard
reunite	to bring people or things back together after being apart