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FREEDOM DAY**

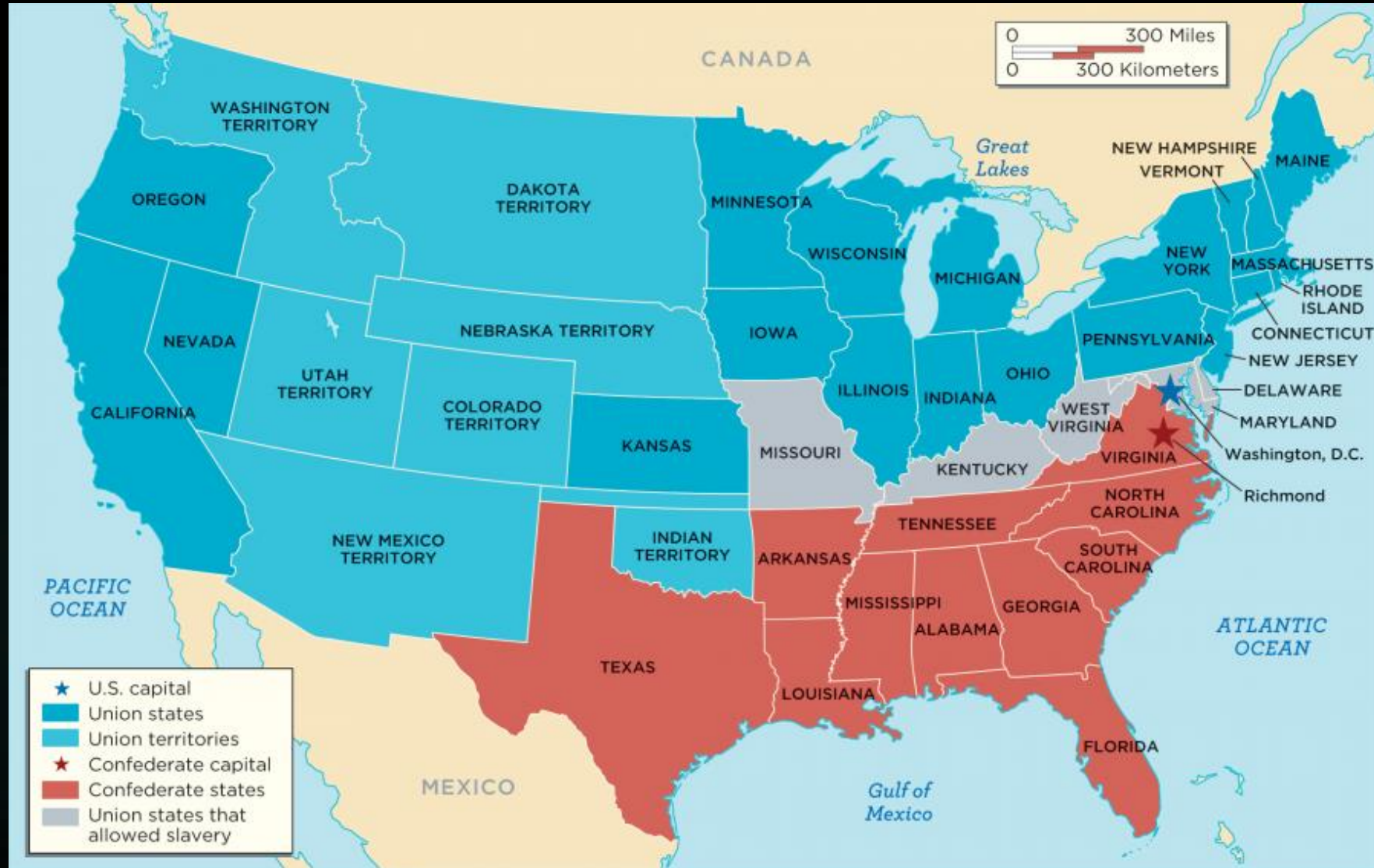
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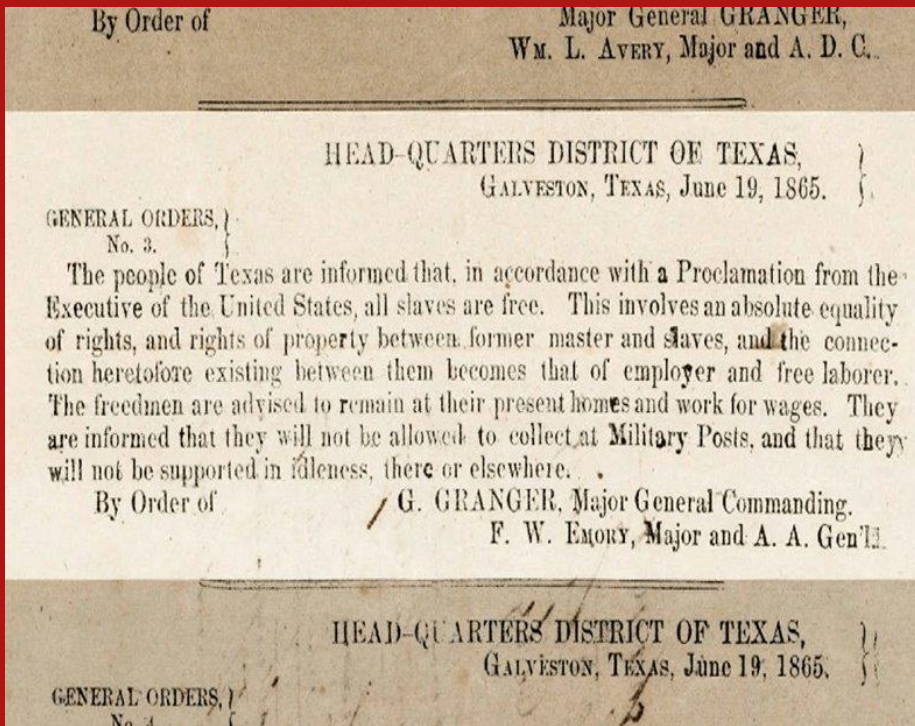
The History

- ▶ The American Civil War was fought between the United States of America and the Confederate States of America, a collection of eleven southern states that left the Union in 1860 and 1861. The conflict began as a result of the long-standing disagreement over the institution of slavery.
- ▶ This ties into the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th amendment

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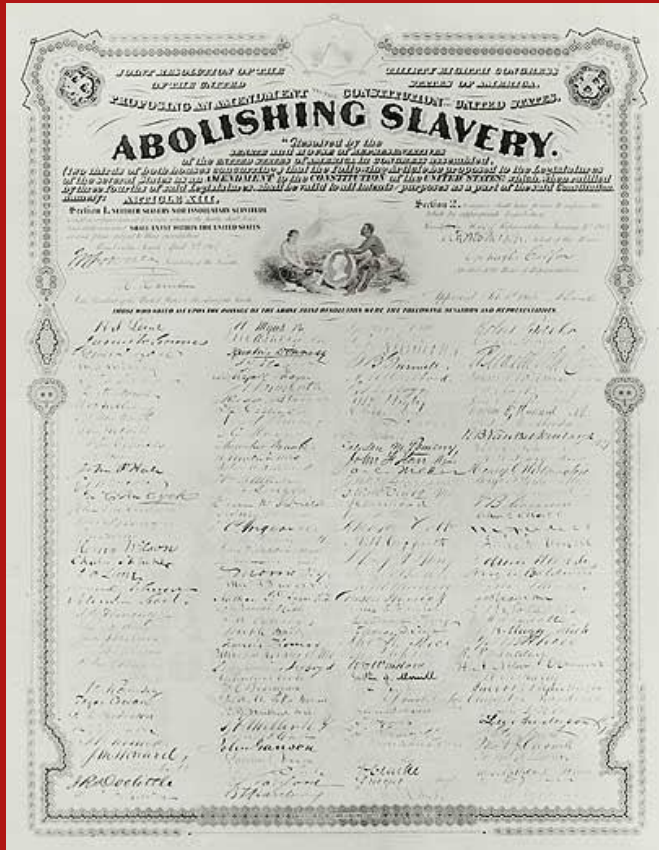
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The image above is the original emancipation proclamation document

- ▶ Toward the end of the American Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation was declared by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Its purpose was to free slaves held in confederate states.
- ▶ The 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed by Congress in 1865 so “neither slavery nor involuntary servitude” was permitted. Only through the 13th Amendment did emancipation become national policy.

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The image above is the ratification of the 13th amendment

- ▶ June 19, 1865, about two months after the Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered, a Union general, arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved African Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. There were approximately 250,000 Texan slaves that had no idea that the government had secured their freedom.
- ▶ The misconception generally taught is that Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation immediately freed slaves throughout the nation.

When was it a recognized holiday?

- ▶ Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021



How is Juneteenth Celebrated Today?





- ▶ Juneteenth consist of multiple events in multiple states.
- ▶ Many gather to celebrate at parades, festivals, walks, and performances.
- ▶ Currently all states recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday with the exception of Hawaii & South Dakota.