

Melanin Babies "Juneteenth for Little Ones" Video Comprehension Activity

1. **Video Viewing (3:31):**

- Create a festive "Juneteenth celebration" setting in the classroom using red, green, and black decorations.
- Watch the 3:31 minute video "Juneteenth for Little Ones".
- Encourage children to pay close attention to the characters and their actions.

2. **Immediate Recall Activity (5 minutes):**

- Quickly review the main characters: Kylie, Omari, Nylah, and Zaire.
- Ask children to stand up when you call out a character's name and the action they did:
 - "Kylie made cookies" (Children stand and pretend to bake)
 - "Grandpa got the grill ready." (Children stand and pretend to flip burgers)
 - "Grandma was writing something special" (Children stand and pretend to write)
 - "Everyone hugged each other" (Children stand and give themselves a hug)

3. **Simple Questions with Actions (5 minutes):** Ask questions about the video, encouraging physical responses: a) "What day were they celebrating?" (Children stand up and sit down for "Juneteenth") b) "What colors were Kylie's cookies?" (Children point to red, green, and black items in the room)

4. **Juneteenth Symbol Mime Game (10 minutes):**

- Show pictures of Juneteenth symbols (flag, BBQ grill, family gathering, etc.).
- Children take turns miming these symbols.
- Other children guess the symbol and its significance.

5. **Freedom Flag Craft (15 minutes):**

- Children create a Juneteenth flag using red, green, and black paper.
- They draw or write one thing they learned about Juneteenth on the flag.
- Create a classroom display titled "Our Juneteenth Celebration".

6. **Juneteenth Celebration Song (5 minutes):** (Sung to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")

- Verse 1: If it's Juneteenth and you know it, wave your flag! (Wave, wave)
- Verse 2: If it's Juneteenth and you know it, hug a friend! (Hug, hug)
- Verse 3: If it's Juneteenth and you know it, eat some BBQ! (Yum, yum)

- Verse 4: If it's Juneteenth and you know it, shout "Hooray!" (Hooray!) Sing each verse twice, encouraging enthusiastic actions.

7. **Concluding Discussion (5 minutes):**

- Sit in a circle and pass around a toy "grill" or stuffed animal.
- Each child quickly shares one thing they remember about Juneteenth.
- Emphasize freedom, family, and the importance of celebrating history.

8. **Extended Activity** (if time allows): "My Juneteenth Celebration" Drawing

- Children draw a picture of how they would celebrate Juneteenth.
- Please encourage them to include family, food, and festive elements.
- Allow a few volunteers to share their drawings with the class.

Remember to adapt activities based on your specific group's age and abilities. Enjoy your Juneteenth celebration!