This project celebrates Juneteenth, which commemorates the day slavery officially ended in the United States (June 19, 1865). The holiday is often celebrated with a picnic with family and friends. This year we may not all be able to be with our extended families, but we can keep the tradition going in miniature by making one of these paper picnics to share with loved ones. Let’s all celebrate this important day in history!

To watch this process, visit youtube.com/PeabodyEssexMuseum

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SUPPLIES
• Colored Construction Paper
• Scissors
• Glue stick or clear tape
• Drawing Materials (colored pencils and markers)

INSTRUCTIONS
Step 1: Choose your ground color, then begin with the short side of the paper and accordion-fold the sheet in narrow strips. Each section should be about half an inch wide.

Step 2: Fold the accordion in half to create a fan shape, glue or tape the center of the fan together to create the “ground” for your picnic scene.

Step 3: Next, choose your sky color, and glue or tape the bottom edge of your “sky” paper to the back (straight) edge of the ground paper. Your piece should now resemble a mini diorama.

Step 4: Populate the paper scene with little paper people, mini cut outs of picnic foods, and other objects of importance to you or your family! You can draw and cut out as many accessories as you would like. These can either be glued into the diorama or left separate.

Your finished picnic can be carefully folded like a card and given or sent to a special family member or friend — someone you would want to celebrate with!