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# John Lewis & Nonviolent Action

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

**1.** In what year was John Lewis born?

A. 1930

C. 1945

B. 1940

D. 1965

**2.** Which of these describes Lewis's parents?

A. Baptist pastors from Georgia

C. politicians from New York City

B. sharecroppers from Alabama

D. activists during the Selma marches

**3.** Which of these lines from the song describes Lewis's participation in sit-ins?

A. "Lewis marched for the right to vote."

C. "[He] beat the odds with an education."

B. "He protests for our rights to eat together  
as one unit."

D. "[He] rode a bus of black and whites 'cause  
Dr. King had a dream."

**4.** Lewis was one of \_\_\_\_\_ original Freedom Riders.

A. 2

C. 13

B. 3

D. 27

**5.** In 1965, Lewis turned his attention to the fight for

A. protecting voting rights for black citizens.

C. desegregating lunch counters.

B. desegregating interstate bus terminals.

D. desegregating city buses.

6. Which of these describes Bloody Sunday?

- A. Civil rights organizations led a months-long voter registration drive in Mississippi.
- B. State and local law enforcement attacked 600 peaceful protesters who were organizing for voting rights in Selma, Alabama.
- C. 250,000 people marched to Washington advocating for civil and economic rights for African Americans.
- D. Black and white protesters rode interstate buses in the South to challenge the government to enforce desegregation.

7. True or False: Lewis was injured and arrested many times.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Which of these was a result of Bloody Sunday?

- A. passage of the Civil Rights Act
- B. passage of the Voting Rights Act
- C. the beginning of the Freedom Rides
- D. the Supreme Court ruling in *Boynton v. Virginia*

9. Which of these describes Lewis's philosophy?

- A. The law should be upheld without question.
- B. Acts of civil disobedience and peaceful resistance can achieve social change.
- C. It is the government's job to create social change.
- D. A single, charismatic leader is more effective than dedicated grassroots activists organizing at a local level.

10. Jaden, the lyricist and rapper in this video, opens the song referencing which of these?

- A. the violent consequences, including lynchings that African Americans have suffered when fighting for equality
- B. the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
- C. Lewis's speech at the March on Washington
- D. President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965