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John Lewis & Nonviolent Action - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. In what year was John Lewis born?

- A. 1930
- ☒ B. 1940
- C. 1945
- D. 1965

2. Which of these describes Lewis's parents?

- A. Baptist pastors from Georgia
- ☒ B. sharecroppers from Alabama
- C. politicians from New York City
- 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."
- ☒ B. "He protests for our rights to eat together as one unit."
- C. "[He] beat the odds with an education."
- 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.
- B. desegregating interstate bus terminals.
- C. desegregating lunch counters.
- 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