Good Trouble (John Lewis Documentary)

Please answer the following questions below using complete sentences

1. Civil Rights Activist and Congressman John Lewis stated, “We’ve come so far and made so much progress, but as a nation we’re not there yet.” What did he mean by his statement and do you agree or disagree? Explain.

2. “We are still in the Civil Rights Movement because we are still in the Civil Rights struggle.” -Rep Ayanna Pressley

   What is meant by the above quote? Explain.

3. In the documentary, it was stated that the reason John Lewis is effective heavily is because “he has lived it.” You’re all currently living trying times in America. In what ways do you see yourself positively effecting change in the future?

4. Jimmy Lee Jackson was murdered and people marched from Selma to Montgomery. To what extent does the actions of the people then compare to the actions of the 2020 protest after the killing of George Floyd? To what extent does it differ?

5. Senator Lewis stated, “It is one of the greatest fears that one day we wake up and democracy is gone.” Please discuss why he may have felt this way. Do you agree or disagree?

6. What did Senator Lewis refer to as “good trouble”? Explain.

7. Reflect on actions or events that have taken place in your life, have you experienced “good trouble”? Explain.

8. According to the document, what is the most powerful non-violent instrument or tool that we have in our power?

9. Which United States president signed the Voting Rights Act in 2006 and came to Selma for the 50th anniversary?

10. The Voting Rights Act is a landmark act that was originally signed in 1965 by which president?

11. *FUN QUESTION* Which entertainer in the music industry was Senator John Lewis painting as a young boy compared to?

12. Explain one thing John Lewis said in his March on Washington speech in 1963?
13. What took place in Birmingham, AL 18 days after the March on Washington? Were there any casualties? Explain.

14. Stokley Carmichael stated, “We don’t want integration, we want power!”

15. To what extent did Senator Lewis beliefs mirror the beliefs of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?


17. What is Bloody Sunday?

18. Eric Holder, Former U.S. Attorney General, stated, “Our democracy is under attack.” What does he mean by his statement?

19. What job duties are required of a senator?

20. Come up with a slogan and make a “sign” that you would carry if you were protesting an injustice in present day. Make sure it is original, creative, and “catchy”. Be sure to add color to your sign. Take a pic and upload it.