

March Study Guide: Part 3 Pages 51-75

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. On page 53, John Lewis mentions how when he skipped school, he was worried that his father would “tan [his] hide.” How does he use the first two panels to represent his fear?
2. Why does Lewis think the church minister mention the injustices of separate but equal? (this answer is implied in the last 2 panels, not directly stated)
3. Why does John Lewis mention Emmett Till’s brutal murder? What does it reveal about the power of a black man’s voice? About the power of white privilege?
4. What factors caused the Montgomery bus boycott?
5. Comics are a visual medium. How do the comic creators show that Martin Luther King Jr. is the only person that John Lewis thought would understand his problem with Troy State? (66)
6. On page 78 Martin Luther King Jr. tells John Lewis that he needs to get his parents’ okay to proceed with the lawsuits, because Mr. Lewis is so young. In the next panel, the artist “up lights” John Lewis’ face (light shines up onto his face, like he is holding a flashlight under his face). What emotion is shown through this “up lighting”?
7. Why couldn’t John Lewis go through with suing Alabama and the Board of Education?