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**Retracing the Rides**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/freedomriders/rides>

To get started follow the following directions:

* Go to the URL listed above.
* Scroll down and click on the interactive map which will help you to retrace the rides of these civil rights activists.
* After clicking onto the map you will want to pay attention to the text below the map, including the dates.
* Also pay attention to the routes taken by the Freedom Riders.
* When a city is denoted with a large yellow dot – click on the dot and you will be exposed to events that took place in that city related to the Rides.

Using the above information retrace the route and answer the following questions.

1. As the Riders left Washington D.C. what was their purpose? What did they experience as they traveled through the District of Columbia into Virginia and onto North Carolina?
2. What happened to the group as they arrived in Charlotte, North Carolina?
3. In what city did the riders first encounter a violent reaction? Describe what happened.
4. In what city were the Riders met by Dr. King? What suggestion did Dr. King make and how did the Riders react to the suggestion?
5. The Riders left Atlanta, Georgia on Sunday, May 14 1961 (Mother’s Day). When the two buses left Atlanta, one headed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while the other headed onto to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Describe what the Riders experienced when they arrived in Anniston, Alabama.
7. What happened as the one bus arrived in Birmingham, Alabama?
8. Following the violence in Anniston and Birmingham what happened to the CORE Freedom Rides?
9. When the CORE Riders depart Birmingham, who arrives in Birmingham in an attempt to continue the cause?
10. On May 19th when Riders were attempting to travel from Birmingham to Montgomery – a deal was struck between what two parties, guaranteeing what?
11. Describe the events that took place when the Riders arrived in Montgomery? What happened to their protection?
12. What city marked the “end of the line” for most Freedom Riders? Where did they go from here?

**On the lower right side of the page click on “See other Freedom Rides”**

1. As the Freedom Riders were being attacked and jailed in the Deep South, who was trying to get the federal government (ICC) to desegregate all interstate travel facilities? What was his role?
2. As June of 1961 arrives – to help reach their goal Riders developed a secondary goal – what was it?
3. By December of 1961, how many people had participated in these Rides?