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The Legacy of the Freedom Rides Answer Key

1. B. *Boynton v. Virginia*
2. B. Because the media showed nonviolent riders being attacked
3. C. They helped continue the rides when others stepped back
4. C. That peaceful resistance could provoke national change
5. *The Freedom Rides forced the federal government to respond more decisively by pressuring the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce desegregation in all interstate travel facilities. Public exposure of the violence pushed the Kennedy administration to act, demonstrating that activism could directly impact policy.*
6. *The Freedom Rides signaled a transition from older, national organizations like CORE to younger, more grassroots groups like SNCC. These newer leaders brought a more confrontational approach, emphasizing direct action and local empowerment, shaping the movement's direction in the years that followed.*