Extemp Prep for September 14, 2020

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*Directions: The following is a tournament worth of extemp questions focusing on three headlines from the previous week. Take time to practice answering each question, a simulation of current events at the time of this release, to keep you geared up for competition. Use the hyperlinks to read up on the latest for each topic.*

# Headline 1 (U.S. / Domestic): [Wildfires](https://www.wsj.com/articles/california-wildfire-death-toll-hits-19-as-weather-aids-battle-against-blazes-11599930412?mod=hp_lead_pos4)

* What can be done about the wildfires in Oregon and California?
* How should the cities in Oregon and California act to prevent further wildfire deaths?
* Should Trump visit the states that are fighting wildfires?
* Have the actions of the Fire Marshal of Jackson County been sufficient in responding to the wildfires?
* Should surrounding cities of the wildfires be evacuated because of haze and smoke?
* What will be the lasting impact of the recent wildfires?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Taliban](https://www.wsj.com/articles/afghanistan-and-taliban-begin-first-ever-direct-peace-talks-11599892222)

* What will come of the direct talk between the Taliban and Afghanistan?
* Is there hope that the war between the Taliban and Afghanistan will come to an end?
* Was it right for the US to extricate itself from the war in Afghanistan?
* Are Mullah Baradar’s and Abdullah Abdullah’s visions for Afghanistan contradictory?
* Why were the peace talk between Afghanistan and the Taliban met with riots and protests?
* Should Afghanistan become an Islamic theocracy or should they stick to being a democratic republic?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Arm Holding](https://www.wsj.com/articles/softbank-nearing-deal-to-sell-arm-holdings-to-nvidia-for-more-than-40-billion-11599928360?mod=hp_lead_pos1)

* Will Nvidia become a “powerhouse” after its deal with SoftBank?
* Would the deal to sell Arm Holdings be a win for SoftBank?
* Has the coronavirus increased profit for Nvidia?
* Is the pushback again Nvidia justified?
* Will Nvidia receive pushback from antitrust regulators or Arm Holdings’ customers?
* Would an IPO be a better option for SoftBank than selling Arm Holdings to Nvidia?