Extemp Prep for October 12, 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): [Vice-Presidential Debates](https://www.npr.org/2020/10/08/921323806/4-takeaways-from-the-mike-pence-kamala-harris-vice-presidential-debate)

* What were some of the take-aways from the recent Vice-Presidential debates?
* Who won the vice-presidential debates?
* What can be said about the vice-presidential debates compared to the presidential debates?
* What were the most concerning comments made by Senator Kamala Harris at the vice-presidential debates?
* What were the most concerning comments made by Vice President Mike Pence at the vice-presidential debates?
* What was the most important topic covered at the recent Vice-Presidential debate?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [North Korea](https://www.wsj.com/articles/north-korea-marks-75th-anniversary-of-ruling-partys-founding-with-military-parade-11602332808)

* What can be said about the recent North Korea celebration for 75 years of communism?
* Should North Korea have practiced social distancing at the recent anniversary of communism?
* Can we trust North Korea and their claim that they have had 0 Covid-19 cases?
* What were the highlights of Kim Jong Un’s speech at the celebration of 75 years of communism?
* Can North Koreas’ expressed hopes that South and North Korea can live in harmony be trusted?
* What was the reason for the recent military marches and speech given by President Kim Jong Un?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Sport’s Viewership](https://www.forbes.com/sites/kirkwakefield/2020/08/28/escape-from-2020--a-case-to-separate-sports-and-politics-for-more-fans-and-higher-ratings/#7ef3370876ad)

* Should sports and politics be separated?
* Why has sports viewership experienced a sharp decrease recently?
* Is sports viewership decline a result of kneeling and other political statements during sporting events?
* Why aren’t sports viewership increasing in the midst of a pandemic?
* Should athletes, broadcasters and sponsors keep politics out of sports?