Extemp Prep for December 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): [Texas Lawsuit](https://www.texastribune.org/2020/12/11/texas-lawsuit-supreme-court-election-results/)

* Why did Texas sue the four main battleground states?
* Should the Supreme Court have taken the Texas lawsuit?
* What precedent does the Supreme Court denial of the Texas lawsuit set?
* Will Texas sue again with a different legal standing?
* Do you think Texas had legal standing to sue the four battleground states?
* What’s next for the GOP in fighting alleged fraudulent votes?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [UK and EU Deal](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-55292890)

* What agreements will the UK and the EU come to in their post-Brexit trade talks?
* What will Boris Johnson negotiate in the UK and the EU talks?
* What are the highlights from the post-Brexit trade talks?
* What will happen if the EU and UK decide not to work together?
* What will the trade deal look like between the UK and the EU?
* Will the UK have to abide by WTO trade rules?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Public Airbnb](https://www.npr.org/2020/12/12/945871818/they-ignored-or-deleted-the-email-from-airbnb-it-was-a-15-000-mistake)

* Does the stock market for Airbnb predict success after going public?
* How did an I.P.O affect Airbnb’s sales?
* Is there public interest in investing in Airbnb now that they have gone public?
* Why did Airbnb shatter all expectations for going public?
* Was the move to announce going public a peace-making move for top hosts on Airbnb?
* Was the move to go public a success for Airbnb?