Extemp Prep for January 11, 2021

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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): [Capital Building Riot](https://www.theepochtimes.com/protesters-breach-capitol-building-vote-objection-deliberations-on-hold_3646444.html?ref=brief_News&utm_medium=email&utm_source=instaGE&utm_campaign=breaking-2021-01-06-m1-2&utm_term=freeaccount&tum_content=readmore&instaaccount=tabjeub@gmail.com)

* Why were their riots at the Capital building?
* What can be done about the protests at the Capital building?
* Will the protesters at the Capital building make a difference?
* Was it a good move to call in the National Guard to stop the riots at the Capital?
* What is President Trump’s response to the riots at the Capital building?
* Have the riots at the Capital been successful in halting the electoral votes from going through?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Australia’s Lockdowns](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/australia-covid-brisbane-lockdown-single-case-new-coronavirus-uk-variant/)

* Should Australia continue to lock down its cities?
* How will Australian businesses recover after having one of the strictest lockdowns?
* Are the lockdowns in Australia proving to be worth their low cases of COVID?
* How few cases are necessary to open up businesses in Australia again?
* Will Australia continue to be on lock down through 2021?
* What impact do lockdowns have on domestic violence and mental health in Australia?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Parler](https://www.wsj.com/articles/apple-suspends-parler-from-app-store-11610241352)

* Do users of FaceBook have a moral obligation to leave the social media platform?
* Will Parler be the next big social media platform?
* Why has Apple suspended Parler from the App Store?
* Why has Amazon refused to provide cloud services to Parler?
* Does the lack of backing from Apple and Amazon impact business for Parler?
* Is Parler merely a place for instituting threats of violence?