Impromptu Prep for June 8, 2020

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*Directions: The following is a round’s worth of impromptu prompts. Take time to use these prompts to sharpen your impromptu skills.*

# “Headline News”

Writer’s Note: The following list of impromptu prompts could be done with any week of news headlines. I prepared this list by visiting Google News and selecting three of the top news stories that were hot-in-the-news during the week, then selected headlines from various sources. Students are not required to know the article exactly, but they should be able to create a short impromptu speech from basic knowledge of one of the three topics.

## Speaker 1

* “Injustice began the moment police approached George Floyd.” —Los Angeles Times
* “US warship sails through Taiwan Strait on Tiananmen anniversary” —Al Jazeera
* “Top U.S. scientists left out of White House selection of COVID-19 vaccine shortlist” —Science Magazine

## Speaker 2

* “Trump tweets a letter calling protesters ‘terrorists’” —Politico
* “Hong Kong: Tens of thousands defy ban to attend Tiananmen vigil” —BBC News
* “COVID-19 Can Last for Several Months” —The Atlantic

## Speaker 3

* “Buffalo Police Officers Suspended After Shoving 75-Year-Old Protester” —The New York Times
* “The world failed after Tiananmen Square. We must not fail Hong Kong now” —The Washington Post
* “Hong Kong restaurant group’s Covid-19 bible sweeps the world” —CNN

## Speaker 4

* “Twitter removes Trump campaign tribute to George Floyd claiming copyright complaint” —The Hill
* “31 Yrs After Tiananmen Massacre, Mothers of Victims Await Answers” —VOA News
* “The first wave of Covid-19 is not over — but how might a second look?” —The Guardian

## Speaker 5

* “Civil Rights Groups, Black Lives Matter Sue Trump Administration Over Protest Violence” —NPR
* “Ki Thinks Tiananmen Was Worth It” —Foreign Policy
* “Vital UN peace and security work continues amid COVID-19 challenge” —UN News

## Speaker 6

* “George Floyd: African-Americans are more likely to get fatally shot” —BBC News
* “US Presses China for ‘Full Public Accounting’ of 1989 Tiananmen Crackdown” —Voice of America
* “Are Symptoms From COVID-19 or Seasonal Allergies?” —WebMD