Impromptu Prep for July 29, 2021

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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 for 2021”

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

* “Bipartisan infrastructure bill clears Senate test vote as Trump slams ‘terrible deal.’” —New York Post
* “Biden shifts onus for pandemic onto the unvaccinated as he readies federal worker vaccine requirement” —CNN
* “Tsunami warning lifted after 8.2-magnitude earthquake strikes off Alaska” —The New York Times

## Speaker 2

* “Self-proclaimed ex-‘anti-vaxxer’ hospitalized with COVID-19 urges vaccinations” —KCRA Sacramento
* “In 1972, Melvin McNair helped hijack a plan to join Black Panthers in Algeria. ‘I am at peace with what I did.’” —USA Today
* Oblivious lottery winner carried $39M willing ticket in purse for weeks” —New York Post

## Speaker 3

* “Some people in Missouri are getting vaccinated against COVID-19 in secret, doctor says. They fear backlash from loved ones who oppose the vaccines” —CNN
* “Harris’s bad polls trigger Democratic worries” —The Hill
* “Outspoken Chinese billionaire Sun Dawu sentenced to 18 years in prison” —CNN

## Speaker 4

* “Fox News host Laura Ingraham: Capitol Police have no one to blame but themselves” —Salon
* “Why Newsmax is failing, explained by an expert” —Vox
* “Tunisia’s Saied moves on economy and COVID-19 after dismissing government” —CNN

## Speaker 5

* “How Biles’ withdrawals impact US gymnastics team” —Associated Press
* “GOP, Democrats battle over masks in House, Senate” —The Hill
* “A birthday give: Israeli woman donates kidney to Gaza boy” —Yahoo News

## Speaker 6

* “Reducing climate pollution saves lives, study finds” —NPR
* “Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis mocks new CDC recommendation on masks at Utah conference” —The Salt Lake Tribune
* “Tokyo reports record virus cases days after Olympics begin” —Associated Press