

ACTIVITY 2 – READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

➔ Voici les passages de l'article qui répondent aux questions.

Question 1 - What caused the Capitol riots in Washington DC ?

Trump Blamed For Encouraging Capitol Riot (=title of the article)

“As Congress was meeting, Mr. Trump spoke to a rally of his supporters. He repeated his claim that the election was stolen, and encouraged them to march on the Capitol.”

“Perhaps the most shocking part was that the president himself had encouraged the mob.”

Question 2 - What happened to Trump on social media after the events?

The reaction to Mr. Trump's involvement in the Capitol riot drew a faster reaction from tech companies. Social media companies such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram have cut Mr. Trump off from their services. That's a huge change for Mr. Trump, who used Twitter constantly to communicate with his supporters.



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Question 3 - What is the 25th amendment? What does "impeachment" mean ?

Since Mr. Biden will be sworn in on January 20, Mr. Trump only has a few days left in office anyway. But many people believe Mr. Trump is too dangerous to be trusted with the powers of the president for even this short time.

25th Amendment and Impeachment

The US Constitution guides the way its government works. The 25th Amendment is a special change to the Constitution that outlines how a president can be removed from office, if necessary. One of those ways is if over half of the president's Cabinet votes that the president should be removed.

One of the jobs of Congress is to make sure the president follows the law. Through *impeachment*, Congress can investigate (look into) whether the president broke any laws, and, if necessary, remove the president. Impeachment begins in the House of Representatives and, if continued, can end in a trial in the US Senate.

Mr. Trump has already been [impeached once](#), in 2019, but was [found not guilty in the Senate](#).

Yesterday, Democrats in the US House of Representatives first tried to formally ask Mr. Pence to use the 25th Amendment to remove Mr. Trump from office. That move was blocked by Republican members of the House.



Impeaching Mr. Trump won't remove him from office before his term ends, but it could prevent Mr. Trump from running for office again. Above, Mr. Trump speaks to his supporters before they march on the Capitol.

At that point, Democrats will narrowly control the Senate. If Mr. Trump is found guilty in the Senate, it could prevent him from running for office again.

Still, many people believe impeaching Mr. Trump will divide the country further at a time when Mr. Biden has promised to work to bring Democrats and Republicans closer.