

Item 6.A: Student directions for “Text on Text” group activity

Use a lined piece of paper labeled with the number of one of the documents on the top.

Each person should have a different colored pen or pencil.

Read the document and make notes on the lined paper about your reactions to the documents, specifically in response to the questions. Leave 4–5 lines between answers for each question.

1. How does this person feel about China’s relationship with foreign countries?
2. What does he think should be done in response? What specific solutions does he recommend? Does he advocate Restoration or Self-Strengthening?
3. Are you convinced by his argument? Why or why not?

When all three members of the group are finished with their documents, pass the lined paper to the person to the right. Read the next document, adding comments (don’t rewrite the same responses) to classmates’ answers, until each of you has read and written about all three documents.

You should end with the lined paper you began with, and you can now read your classmates’ comments.