

Item 20.A: Questions for Activity 1, related to Document 20.1

Excerpt #1

- On your map of China (see Additional Resources on the companion website), locate the headwaters of the Yellow River in Qinghai Province.
- How does the plight of the Yellow River bring to light the problems created by China's rapid industrial growth?
- What percentage of China's population depends upon the river?

Excerpt #2

- What appear to be the causes of the shortage of water at the Yellow River's headwaters?

Excerpt #3

- Locate Ningxia Province on the map.
- Provide two or three pieces of evidence from the reading that China is threatened by a shortage of water.
- Describe measures that have been tried to alleviate the problem of insufficient water supply.
- Contrast China's traditional approach to solving environmental problems with new ones under consideration.

Excerpt #4

- Locate Wuhai, Inner Mongolia on the map.
- Of what special importance is the city of Wuhai for the rest of the nation?
- In what ways would an attempt to offset pollution beginning in Wuhai provide special challenges?

Excerpt #5

- How might Peng Guihang feel about China's rapid development?

- In what ways have national goals compounded environmental problems for China's government?
- What evidence does this segment provide that suggests regulatory measures may be inadequate in alleviating water shortages along the Yellow River?
- Explain how corruption leads to further overdevelopment.