

## **Item 20.E: Questions related to Activity 4, Documents 20.3–20.5**

### **Document 20.3:**

1. What caused the protest?
2. How did authorities respond?
3. Check online for recent reports of protests in rural China and for information on how the government is responding.
4. Has the frequency of protests declined or increased since 2001?

### **Document 20.4:**

In addition to document 20.4, read “Chinese Online Censorship Targets Collective Action” posts by Cyrus Farivas on the companion website. Then answer the following questions:

1. What do these articles tell us about the purposes for which Chinese people use the Internet?
2. What kinds of change do the statistics given for Internet usage in China represent?
3. How does the Internet provide a challenge to the Chinese government, and how has the government responded?
4. Check online for recent reports about the use of blogs and other information sources in China.

### **Document 20.5:**

1. What appear to be the principles around which the Falun Gong was organized?
2. Why does the government of China perceive Falun Gong as a threat?
3. How could Chinese authorities see the behavior in Tiananmen Square on this day as “protest”?
4. What provisions in China’s constitution address public assembly and protest? How does the Falun Gong behavior fit under these provisions? (See articles 28 and 35.)

5. What provisions exist in your country, or other countries with which you are familiar, around the issues of public assembly and protest? Compare these provisions to the ones in the Chinese constitution.
6. At what point do you think the police should interfere with public protests?
7. Check online for recent reports about protests in China and how the government responded. How have things changed, or not changed?