

AP World History Comparative Essay Generic Rubric Overview

Basic Core <i>Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence.</i>	Expanded Core <i>Historical skills and knowledge required to show excellence.</i>
<p>1. Has acceptable thesis. 1 Point <i>(addresses comparison of the issues or themes specified)</i></p> <p>2. Addresses all parts of the of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly. 2 Points <i>(Addresses most parts of the question: for example, deals with differences but not similarities)</i> (1)</p> <p>3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence. 2 Points <i>(Partially substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence.)</i> (1)</p> <p>4. Makes at least three relevant, direct comparisons between or among societies. 1 Point</p> <p>5. Analyzes at least three reasons for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison. 1 Point</p>	<p>Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 Points. The basic core of a score of 7 must be achieved before a student can earn expanded core points. 0-2 Points</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis ▪ Addresses all parts of the question (as relevant): comparisons, chronology, causation, connections, themes, interactions, content. ▪ Provides ample historical evidence to substantiate thesis. ▪ Relates comparisons to larger global context. ▪ Makes several direct comparisons consistently between or among societies. ▪ Consistently analyzes the causes and effects of relevant similarities and differences.
<p>Subtotal 7 Points</p>	<p>Subtotal 2 Points</p>

TOTAL 9 Points