

**AP WORLD HISTORY  
Compare and Contrast Rubric**

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<b>BASIC CORE</b> (competence) (Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence)	<b>0-7 Points</b>
<b>1. Has acceptable thesis</b> (Addresses comparison of the issues or themes specified)	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>2. Addresses all parts of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly</b>	<b>2 Points</b>
(Addresses most parts of the question: for example, deals with differences but not similarities)	(1 Point)
<b>3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence</b>	<b>2 Points</b>
(Partially substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence)	(1 Point)
<b>4. Makes at least one or two relevant, direct comparisons between or among societies</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>5. Analyzes at least one reason for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>/7 Points</b>
<b>EXPANDED CORE</b> (excellence) (Historical skills and knowledge required to show excellence) Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 points. A student must earn 7 points in the basic core area before earning points in the expanded core area.  Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis</li> <li>• Addresses all parts of the question (as relevant): comparisons, chronology, causation, connections, themes, interactions, content</li> <li>• Provides ample historical evidence to substantiate thesis</li> <li>• Relates comparisons to larger global context</li> <li>• Makes several direct comparisons consistently between or among societies</li> <li>• Consistently analyzes the causes and effects of relevant similarities and differences</li> </ul>	<b>0-2 Points</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>/2 Points</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/9 Points</b>