



AP® World History
2006 Comparative Essay Generic Scoring Guidelines

BASIC CORE (competence) **0–7 Points**
 (Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence)

1. Has acceptable thesis **1 Point**
 (Addresses comparison of the issues or themes specified)

2. Addresses all parts of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly **2 Points**
 (Addresses most parts of the question; for example, deals with differences but not similarities) - (1 Point)

3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence **2 Points**
 (Partially substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence) (1 Point)

4. Makes at least one or two relevant, direct comparisons between or among societies **1 Point**

5. Analyzes at least one reason for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison **1 Point**

Subtotal	7 Points
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EXPANDED CORE (excellence) **0–2 Points**

(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:

- 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

Subtotal	2 Points
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TOTAL	9 Points
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