## AP WORLD HISTORY COMPARISON ESSAY RUBRIC

Basic Core		Expanded Core
Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence.		Historical skills and knowledge required to show excellence.
1. Has acceptable thesis. (addresses comparison of the issues or themes specified)	1 Point	Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 Points. The basic core of a <b>0-2 Points</b> score of <b>7</b> must be achieved before a student can earn expanded
2. Addresses all parts of the of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly.	2 Points	core points. Examples: • Has a clear, analytical, and
(Addresses most parts of the question: for example, deals with differences but not similarities)	(1)	<ul> <li>comprehensive thesis</li> <li>Addresses all parts of the question (as relevant): comparisons, chronology, causation, connections, themes,</li> </ul>
3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence.	2 Points	<ul> <li>interactions, content.</li> <li>Provides ample historical evidence to substantiate thesis.</li> </ul>
(Partially substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence.)	(1)	<ul> <li>Relates comparisons to larger global context.</li> <li>Makes several direct comparisons</li> </ul>
4. Makes at least three relevant, direct comparisons between or among societies.	1 Point	<ul> <li>consistently between or among societies.</li> <li>Consistently analyzes the causes and effects of relevant similarities and differences.</li> </ul>
5. Analyzes at least three reasons for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison.	1 Point	
Subtotal	7 Points	Subtotal 2 Points

TOTAL 9 Points