

# Generic Core-Scoring Guide for AP World History

## Compare & Contrast Essays

<b>BASIC CORE</b> Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence <b>Points</b>	<b>EXPANDED CORE</b> Historical skills and knowledge required to show excellence <b>Points</b>
1. Has acceptable thesis (Addresses comparison of the issues or themes specified) <b>1</b>	Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 points. <b>0-2</b> The basic core score of 7 must be achieved <b>before</b> a student can earn expanded core points.
2. Addresses all parts of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly. <b>2</b>  (Addresses most parts of the question: for example, deals with differences but not similarities.) (1)	Examples:  • Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis.  • Address all part of the question (as relevant): comparisons, chronology, causation, connections, theme, interactions, content.
3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence. <b>2</b> (Partially substantiates these with appropriate historical evidence.) (1)	• Provides ample historical evidence to substantiate thesis.  • Relates comparisons to larger global context.
4. Makes at least 1 or 2 relevant, direct comparisons between or among societies. <b>1</b>	• Makes several direct comparisons consistently between or among societies.
5. Analyzes at least one reason for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison. <b>1</b>	• Consistently analyzes the causes and effects of relevant similarities and differences.
<b>Subtotal</b> <b>7</b>	<b>Subtotal</b> <b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL 9</b>	