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## Generic Core-Scoring Guide for AP World History Comparative 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. The basic core score of 7 must be achieved <b>before</b> a student can earn expanded core points.  Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis.</li> <li>• Address all part 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>
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)	
3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence. <b>2</b> (Partially substantiates these with appropriate historical evidence.) (1)	
4. Makes at least two relevant, direct comparisons between/among societies. <b>1</b>	
5. Analyzes at least two or more reasons for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison. <b>1</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b> <b>7</b>	<b>Subtotal</b> <b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL 9</b>	
9,8,7 = 100; 6 = 89; 5 = 79; 4 = 70; 3,2,1 = 50	