

NAME: _____ PERIOD: _____ DATE: _____

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COMPARATIVE ESSAY RUBRIC

| BASIC CORE (Shows competence) | | EXPANDED CORE (Shows excellence) | |
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| Points | | Points | |
| 1) Has an acceptable thesis. Addresses comparisons of the issues and themes specified in the prompt. | 1 | <p>Expands beyond the basic core of 1 to 7 points. A student <u>MUST</u> earn seven points in the basic core area <u>BEFORE</u> earning points from the expanded core area below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● Shows the ability to relate comparisons to larger global context. ● Shows similarities and differences amongst groups. ● Makes direct comparisons consistently between or among societies. | 0-2 |
| 2) Addresses all parts of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly. Addresses most parts of the question. For example, deals with similarities but not differences. | 2 (1) | | |
| 3) Substantiates the thesis with appropriate evidence. Partially substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence. | 2 (1) | | |
| 4) Makes at least two relevant, direct comparisons between or among societies. | 1 | | |
| 5) Analyzes at least two reasons for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison. | 1 | | |
| SUBTOTAL | 7 | | 2 |
| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | | | |
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| GRADES: 9=97, 8=92, 7=87, 6=82, 5=77, 4=72, 3=67, 2=62, 1=57, 0=50 | | | |