**AP WORLD Comparison Essay Scoring Rubric (In Texas-showing differences in styles of football)**

1.  **Has acceptable thesis and conclusion** **1 Point \_\_\_**

 -The thesis must be further qualified if it simply states a positive/ negative or good/bad relationship.

 -The thesis must correctly address BOTH a similarity AND a difference in for both of the topics of the prompt

 -The thesis must be explicitly stated in the introduction and the specified conclusion of the essay.

 -The thesis may appear as one sentence or multiple sentences.

 -A thesis that merely restates the prompt is unacceptable.

 -Thesis addresses global issues and time period(s) specified

2. **Addresses all parts of the question 2 Points \_\_\_\_**

 -Addresses BOTH one similarity and one difference for both topics of the prompt

**3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence. 2 Points \_\_\_\_**

 -Provides 8 pieces of evidence to support the differences and similarities

 -each similarity and difference must have at least 2 pieces of evidence

**4. Makes at least one direct, relevant comparison between the two topics of the prompt 1 Point \_\_\_\_\_**

 -Makes at least ONE explicit and factually correct statement of similarity or difference

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

 -The analysis must explain the reason for a similarity or difference as it applies to both topics of the prompt

6. **Consistently analyzes relevant similarities and differences. 1 Point \_\_\_\_\_**

7. **Provides ample historical evidence to substantiate thesis. 1 Point \_\_\_\_\_**

 -Provides links with relevant ideas, events, trends in an innovative way

 **Total \_\_\_\_\_\_/ 9**