**Name: Period:**

**Essay Question - 8000 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.**

**Comparative Analysis - Compare AND Contrast**

**Compare and contrast the Roman Empire with the Han Empire. In your essay compare and contrast three of the following themes. (Refer to but not limited to pages 146 and 147 and other readings)**

Social: Development and transformation of social structures

* Gender roles and relations
* Family and kinship
* Racial and ethnic constructions
* Social and economic classes

Political: State-building, expansion and conflict

* Political structures and forms of governance
* Empires
* Nations and nationalism
* Revolts and revolutions
* Regional, trans-regional, and global structures and organizations

Interaction between humans and the environment

* Demography and disease
* Migration
* Patterns of settlement
* Technology

Cultural: Development and interaction of cultures

* Religions
* Belief systems, philosophies, and ideologies
* Science and technology
* The arts and architecture

Economic: Creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems

* Agricultural and pastoral production
* Trade and commerce
* Labor systems
* Industrialization
* Capitalism and socialism

**Explain and analyze why three (3) of the comparisons similar or different.**

• Underline key words/phrases in the question.

• Circle additional **specific requirements** of the question.

• Review the specific requirements of the grading matrix below.

• Spend 5 minutes organizing a brief outline on the back of this sheet or on a separate sheet of paper.

• Staple this sheet to the top of your completed essay.

**Grading Matrix**

Clear, but **brief** **outline** - phrases or bullets (or within a graphic organizer - optional) /5

**Thesis paragraph** states and summarizes **three** (total) valid, major comparisons /10

 first paragraph, with time period or dates included

 **BAAQ-date** – Briefly, Accurately, Answer the Question (and include the dates, period of time).

 makes direct, relevant, valid comparisons

 both differences **and** similarities included (ie., one difference and two similarities)

 **does NOT just restate the question**

Thesis supported with **eight (8)** or more (total) pieces of **specific** historical evidence /10

 chatracteristics, events, people, patterns, processes, technology, interactions, data, decline etc.

 at least **two** pieces of evidence for **each** of the three similarities and differences

Clear, logical, historically accurate explanation and **analysis** of **all three** comparisons /15

 explains **why** the two empires are similar or different

Writing

 sentence and paragraph structure

 clear, lean writing style (avoids wordiness)

 neat enough to read easily **Total** /40

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| **Theme** | **Roman Empire** | **Similarities Han Empire** |
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