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| Essay topic: | |
| Society A: | Society B: |
| Theme(s): |  |

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| *Paragraph ONE:* THESIS STATEMENT (Identify 2 similarities and 2 differences first, then include all four differences and similarities in 1-2 sentences of thesis statement.) |

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| *Paragraph TWO:* Similarity 1 (stated as direct comparison) |
| Evidence for similarity 1(Evidence is historical fact supporting your comparison.)  1  2  3 |
| Analysis/reason for similarity 1 |

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| *Paragraph THREE:* Difference 1 (stated as direct comparison) |
| Evidence for difference 1 (Evidence is historical fact supporting your comparison.)  1  2  3 |
| Analysis/reason for difference 1 |

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| *Paragraph FOUR:* Similarity 2 (stated as direct comparison) |
| Evidence for similarity 2 (Evidence is historical fact supporting your comparison.)  1  2  3 |
| Analysis/reason for similarity 2 |

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| *Paragraph FIVE:* Difference 2 (stated as direct comparison) |
| Evidence for difference 2 (Evidence is historical fact supporting your comparison.)  1  2  3 |
| Analysis/reason for difference 2 |

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| *Paragraph SIX:* Restatement of thesis as a conclusion |

This graphic organizer should help you organize your Comparative Essay. When you’re taking the APWH exam, you can make a rough version of this as notes before writing your essay. You might want to identify the comparisons (similarities and differences) first, then write the thesis statement, then think of the evidence and analysis for each comparison. The final paragraph is a good way to make sure you get the thesis point, but if you’re short of time it’s optional.

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