**AP World History**

**Comparison Essay**

**Americas, Reunified China and the Mongols**

Directions: Choose either question 1 or 2.

Your response should include:

* **Thesis**: Present a thesis that makes a historically defensible claim and responds to all parts of the question. The thesis must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either introduction or conclusion.
* **Application of Historical Thinking Skills**: Develop and support an argument that applies historical thinking skills as directed by the question.
* **Supporting the Argument with Evidence**: Utilize specific examples of evidence to fully and effectively substantiate (support) the stated thesis and argument.
* **Synthesis**: Extend the argument by explaining the connections between the argument and ONE of the following.
	+ Different historical time period, situation or geographical area
	+ Theme that is not focus of essay (political, economic, social, cultural)
	+ Different discipline or field of inquiry (art, anthropology, government)
1. Using your knowledge of world history compare how the Mongol EmpireandThe Aztec Empire rose to power and maintained their power.
2. Using your knowledge of world history compare how the Mongol EmpireandSui/Tang Dynasties of China rose to power maintained their power.