Sample Debate Outline

I. Introduction
   A. Get the viewer's attention by asking a leading question; relay something enticing about the subject in a manner that commands the attention of the audience.
   B. State the thesis, the causes and effects to be discussed; your position on the issue; your proposal if applicable; and the main points that will develop your argument.

II. Body
   A. First Point/Assertion
      1. Supporting evidence (i.e., examples, facts, statistics, quoted authorities, details, reasons, examples)
      2. Supporting evidence
      3. etc
   B. Second Point/Assertion
      1. Supporting evidence
      2. Supporting evidence
      3. etc
   C. Third Point/Assertion
      1. Supporting evidence
      2. Supporting evidence
      3. etc

III. Conclusion
   A. Reiterate your assertions. Reemphasize your thesis in a fresh way, showing how you have achieved your purpose.
   B. Appeal to the audience to show how you have come to a logical conclusion.
   C. Make a memorable final statement. Explain how you have won the debate
Works Cited


