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 attention. Start with a related quote, alluring description, or narration.
   B. State the thesis, the causes and effects to be discussed; comparison of subject X and subject Y; your position on the issue; your proposal if applicable; and the main points that will develop your argument.

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

III. Conclusion
   A. Show how explanations (causes) are logical reasons producing the effects discussed; review subject X and subject Y; reiterate your assertion and proposition (if applicable). Reemphasize your thesis in a fresh way, showing how your have achieved your purpose. If you intend to draw to a conclusion about one subject over the other, emphasize that point.
   B. Appeal to the reader to see how you have come to a logical conclusion.
   C. Make a memorable final statement.
Works Cited


