Outline Template for Position or Debate Paper

I. Presentation of the Issue
II. Thesis Statement - Read through this page to get you started, it explains it well - [http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/thesis_statement.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/thesis_statement.shtml)
III. First reason with supporting evidence from outside source, use quote or paraphrase with parenthetical citation
IV. Second reason with supporting evidence from outside source, use quote or paraphrase with parenthetical citation
V. Third reason with supporting evidence from outside source, use quote or paraphrase with parenthetical citation (if there is a 3rd reason you can give it)
VI. Opposing positions
VII. Conclusion

Example:

I. In many companies, basic tech support jobs have been transferred overseas to be filled by employees who will work for lower hourly wages. This has created a need in the American economy for employees who are creative, not just those who can push buttons or fill in blanks.
II. American schools should focus on the whole student when educating them, growing their ability to work with others, more than the simple memorization of facts.
III. With technology at our fingertips, we are able to get to information much easier and quicker, and don’t need to know facts, but should know the theories behind them.
   a. Give examples from US History class, knowing about trends and issues.
IV. Students who don’t take standardized tests well are at a disadvantage.
   a. Give examples about college acceptances based on SAT scores.
   b. Give evidence about schools who don’t accept based on SAT scores
V. A well rounded student who participates in extracurricular like clubs, bands, and sports is more likely to be successful in life.
   a. Give examples about team work and leadership skills.
   b. Interview Mr. Pruden?
VI. Some may claim that the SAT score is the best predictor of success in college and it is hard for admission officers to decide who might be a good choice.
   a. Interview an employer to ask what they might be looking for in a new hire?
VII. In the future, to keep up with countries worldwide who have made changes in their educational systems, America will have to...