

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
- 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... .