I. **General**

```
/*   Theme Name:      The Name of your theme
*    Theme URI:       The URL for more information
*    Description:     Theme Description
*    Version:         1.0
*    Author:          Your Name
*    Author URI:      Your URL
*    Tags:            Red, black, widget-ready etc
*    Template:        If you are building a child theme*/
```

- Theme Preview Image (screenshot.jpg/screenshot.png/screenshot.gif)
- Widget Ready Sidebars
- Add Rules to your Comment form
- Backwards Compatibility (WordPress 2.5 +)
- Add Sample Posts

II. **Stylesheets**

theme root folder
- Style.css

/css/ folder
- Custom.css
- Print.css
- Reset.css
- ie.css

III. **Browser Compatibility**

- Firefox 2, 3
- Internet Explorer 6, 7, 8
- Google Chrome
- Safari
- Opera

IV. **Pages**

- Index.php
  - Header.php
  - Sidebar.php
  - Footer.php
- Single.php
- Archive.php
- Page.php
- Home.php
- Author.php
- Comments.php
- Search.php
- Searchform.php
- Date.php
- Tag.php
- Category.php
- 404.php
- Author.php
- Functions.php

VII. **Validate**

CSS
- Style.css

HTML (tip: browser > view source)
- Index.php
- The other templates. *See IV.*
- With/without Comments
- Login Required
- Password Protected

V. **Styled Everything?**

- H1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6
- Images
- Blockquotes
- Tables
- Captions
- Unordered lists
- Ordered lists

VIII. **WordPress Code**

`<?php include(TEMPLATEPATH . '/x'); ?>`

`<?php the_time('m-d-y') ?>`

`<?php /* Template Name: X */ ?>`

`<?php bloginfo('template_url'); ?>`

The loop

`<?php if(have_posts()) : ?>`

`<?php while(have_posts()) : the_post(); ?>`

`<?php endwhile; ?>`

`<?php endif; ?>`

`<!--more-->`
`<!--next page-->`

`/%category%/%postname%/`

VI. **Standard CSS Classes**

- .alignleft
- .alignright
- .aligncenter
- .wp-caption
- .cat-item
- .currentcat
- .current-cat-parent
- .pagenav
- .page_item
- .current_page_item
- .widget
- .linkcat

IX. **Blog Elements**

- Title/Logo
- Navigation of Pages
- Navigation of Categories/Tags
- RSS links
- Search Form
- Archives links
- Dates/Timestamps
- Comments
- Copyright message
- Past/Next links
- Back to Top link
- *Advertisements*