Nickel and Dimed project

As we read this book, you need to find out how you would survive in the Ashland area on minimum wage. You will create a graphic presentation (2’ X 3’ posterboard or power point presentation) where you will document each area of your life that you will have to pay for with proof of the cost (i.e. a website listing for your apartment - http://www.apartmentguide.com/apartments/Massachusetts/Ashland/Chestnut-Place/161555/ or a list of grocery prices).

You should have at least the following for basics:
1. rent - Where will you live? What is the monthly rent? What does it include? Find an ad for your new abode in the newspaper or online.
2. food
3. electric - Who will be your electricity provider? What will be your monthly cost? Get an estimate to document this.
4. car payment - What kind of car will you have (year/make/model)?
5. car insurance - Get an insurance quote.
6. gas - Figure out how far it is to and from your job and estimate how much you’ll spend on gas.
7. health insurance - Will this be available through your job? What is your monthly cost? How long do you have to work there before you’re eligible?
8. cable/internet - Who will be your cable/internet provider? What service will you use? What will it cost? Find an ad to show this.
9. cell phone - What will be your cell phone plan? What will this cost you per month? What does it include?

For each area, list your source of information; some areas, such as car insurance, might require you to speak with your parents to obtain accurate rates (or you can go through various websites, but that might require you to give personal information).

Your presentation should also include your job, so be sure to find out what low wage jobs are available and what they pay (i.e. McDonald’s, Target, Shell). Where will you work? What does it pay per hour?

Include a conclusion describing how easy or difficult it will be to live on a low wage job.

This is a test grade.