

Nickel and Dimed Take-Home Assessment – Post Reading – due 3/17

Answer the following questions in complete sentences using examples from the book (including page numbers and *short* excerpts if it seems they'll help.)

- 1) Look up the term “nickel and dimed” if necessary. To what does it refer? Does the title fit the book? Why or why not?
- 2) What logical elements does Ehrenreich use to convince us that working for low wages is problematic?
- 3) What are Ehrenreich’s ethical appeals?
- 4) Ehrenreich has been called sarcastic, biting, unkind, humorous... Choose the tone that you felt was prevalent or most sticks in your mind. Find an example from the book that demonstrates that tone and explain how the writing exemplifies the tone. (This is analysis and explanation of the effect on the reader). Include page numbers and examples.
- 5) Are Ehrenreich’s assumptions proven or disproven? List at least two of her assumptions that were proven over the course of the text, explain giving examples. List two examples of assumptions that were disproven, explain giving examples.
- 6) Explain which section of the book (One/Florida or Three/Minnesota) did you believe best supported Ehrenreich’s purpose? Make sure that you explain her purpose.