

The following scenarios are all based on fact.

1. A 12 year old girl takes out the trash and washes dishes each night. She receives a \$10/week allowance if all her chores are completed.
2. A 13 year old boy picks grapes for eight hours a day, six days a week throughout the winter and spring, and is paid the equivalent of about \$3-\$4 per hour.
3. A 9 year old girl from Haiti, who escaped the 2010 earthquake disaster, is sent to live with an unfamiliar family in the Dominican Republic, where she is responsible each day for cleaning, ironing, gardening, cooking meals, carrying water, washing dishes, and washing clothes, and sometimes watching the family's 1-year-old baby or grandfather in the evenings. She is provided room and board, but no additional pay.
4. A 15 year old girl who aspires to be a dentist volunteers to work full-time at a clinic over the summer, for no pay.
5. A 12 year old boy decides to leave his home to live and work on a cocoa plantation after being promised a bicycle and \$125 a year to help support his family. Once he arrives, he receives no pay and is assaulted if he does not continue to work.
6. A 14 year old boy in Tennessee is employed at a lumber mill operating a chainsaw, removing lumber from a conveyor, and loading scrap wood into a wood chipper.
7. A 12 year old boy in Sierra Leone starts his day at 6am and spends his day in the mud up to his waist mining for diamonds. If he finds a precious gem he will receive a bag of rice for his family.
8. A 6 year old boy ties knots for rugs for 12 hours each day. He sleeps on the floor in the workshop and is fed two meals a day, but is not paid because he is a bonded laborer working to pay off debts his family cannot afford to repay.
9. A 16 year old girl works at a restaurant after school for 5-6 hours, three days a week and is paid minimum wage. She usually gets off work at 10pm, but sometimes works until almost midnight restocking supplies, closing out the cash register and cleaning the waiting area for an additional hour.
10. In 2014, the Governor of Maine said he wanted the state to allow 12 year olds to work. A proposed sub-minimum wage for young workers was \$5.25.
11. In states such as Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, child workers spend 50 to 60 hours a week in tobacco fields, where they are exposed to nicotine, toxic pesticides, and other dangers.