GG103 Poster Assignment

Here is some information about the term project, a poster that discusses a place in Hawai‘i. The poster will compare the Hawaiian explanation of how that place was formed (or a story or legend about the place, an ‘ōlelo no’eau) to the western geological explanation of how that place was formed. A poster is kind of a visual term paper, but with way more visual material than text. You need to have a map that shows where your place is. This isn’t an art class, so I won’t be worried about how pretty it looks, more about what it says. A sample poster (that is probably a little too wordy) will be posted outside my office door (POST 617A), and a digital version is on the web at: http://www.higp.hawaii.edu/~scott/GG103/Practice_Poster03b.jpg

Deadlines:
Topic selection - October 14, 2008: Select 2 or 3 locations for your topic (in case somebody has already picked the same place), and turn them in on a half sheet of paper. They should not be too broad. For example, Kīlauea is too broad a topic, O‘ahu is too broad a topic. There is way too much geology about such places to fit on half a poster and there are way too many ‘ōlelo no‘eau about them also.

Outline - October 30, 2008: By this point you know basically what you are going to say about the geology and what you are going to say about a Hawaiian story or legend about the place. In order to know these things you will have had to look up references by this point.

Draft - November 20, 2008: The draft is a practice version, but it should be as finalized as you can make it. The ideal draft can end up as the final version with little or no modification. No need to spend $$ on cardboard for the draft - it can be in separate pieces if you like.

Final presentation - December 4, 2008: Your final poster is due in class, and each person will have a maximum of 1 minute and 30 seconds to briefly introduce his/her work orally. The posters will then be hung on temporary poster boards out in the hall somewhere.

Sources:
You must cite references to where you got your material, and at least two of these must be non-web sources (i.e. books or journal articles). There is a lot of material on the web about Hawaiian legends of particular places, but much of it is junk. Actually, a lot of the geology on the web is junk also. Regardless of the source, I do not want you to merely copy it for your poster. Instead, I want your summary and/or interpretation of the material. In other words, it has to be in your words. If you absolutely must quote something, make sure you put quote marks, and state where it came from.

Required things:
Your poster must have a location map, traditional Hawaiian explanation (or a story about that place), western geological explanation, the references you used, and your name. All of these have to be on the front of the poster.

On the next page are a few suggested non-web sources for both the geology and the ‘ōlelo no‘eau (there are way many more than just these). Other places to start your search include Hamilton library (ask a librarian), Bishop Museum’s gift shop, Native Books, etc.
Place Names of Hawai‘i (by Puku‘i, Elbert, and Mo‘okini)
Sites of Oahu (by Sterling and Summers)
Sites of Maui (by Sterling)
Hilo Legends (by Reed)
Kona Legends (by McGuire)
Volcanoes in the Sea (by Macdonald, Abbot, and Peterson)
Roadside Geology of Hawai‘i (by Hazlett and Hyndman)
Volcanoes (by Macdonald)
Maui How it Came to Be (by Kyselka and Lanterman)
Hawaiian Legends of Volcanoes (by Westervelt)