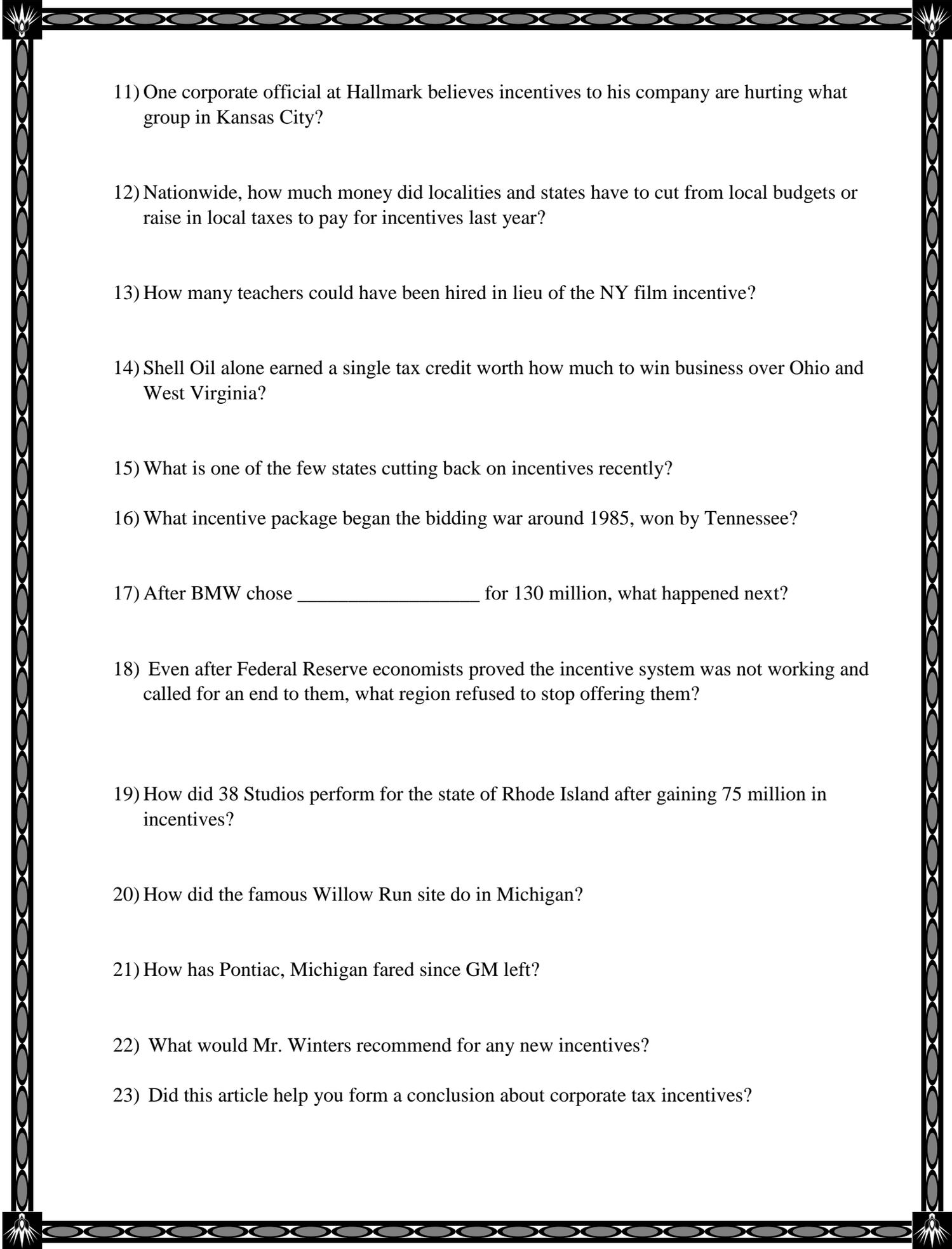


New York Times Article- "As Companies Seek Tax Deals, Governments Pay High Price"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Despite numerous incentives of billions of dollars to GM, at least \_\_\_\_\_ properties closed in 2009 were in towns and states that had awarded those incentives.
- 2) How did Ypsilanti, MI respond when GM walked away from its obligations after taking millions in incentives from the beleaguered city?
- 3) According to the article, what is the biggest fear that companies had which led them to offer incentives for jobs?
- 4) Where does the balance of power lie between cities and companies and WHY?
- 5) At a time when lawmakers are reducing corporate income tax rates and offering incentives to compete globally, where are they looking to raise taxes to make up the shortfall?
- 6) These corporate incentives are very expensive. What percentage of Oklahoma's budget is spent on them?      Maine's?
- 7) What are the biggest recipients of incentives by industry type?
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- 8) According to the article, who receives more incentives: domestic corporations or foreign companies? Why do you think that is?
- 9) When questioned about incentives, officials at several corporations pointed out they had a duty to help what group benefit?
- 10) How did SC recently pay for 218 million in incentives to Boeing? What problem does that create for the individual taxpayers of SC?

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- 11) One corporate official at Hallmark believes incentives to his company are hurting what group in Kansas City?
  - 12) Nationwide, how much money did localities and states have to cut from local budgets or raise in local taxes to pay for incentives last year?
  - 13) How many teachers could have been hired in lieu of the NY film incentive?
  - 14) Shell Oil alone earned a single tax credit worth how much to win business over Ohio and West Virginia?
  - 15) What is one of the few states cutting back on incentives recently?
  - 16) What incentive package began the bidding war around 1985, won by Tennessee?
  - 17) After BMW chose \_\_\_\_\_ for 130 million, what happened next?
  - 18) Even after Federal Reserve economists proved the incentive system was not working and called for an end to them, what region refused to stop offering them?
  - 19) How did 38 Studios perform for the state of Rhode Island after gaining 75 million in incentives?
  - 20) How did the famous Willow Run site do in Michigan?
  - 21) How has Pontiac, Michigan fared since GM left?
  - 22) What would Mr. Winters recommend for any new incentives?
  - 23) Did this article help you form a conclusion about corporate tax incentives?

