

Controversial Court Verdict

Read the articles from these websites and watch 2 video films.

Then do the following exercises.

40 points

<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/07/19/us/florida-tobacco-verdict/>

<https://in.reuters.com/article/usa-tobacco-award/update-1-florida-jury-awards-record-23-billion-against-rj-reynolds-idINL2N0PV00D20140720>

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/07/19/fla-jury-slams-rj-reynolds-with-236b-in-damages/>

Watch two video films on YOU TUBE:

<https://youtu.be/hHtz7qOmsgY> - U.S. tobacco giant to pay nearly \$24 bil. in cancer lawsuit.

<https://youtu.be/F5gD6AT6erE> - Widow awarded \$23B says verdict a message to tobacco companies

Do the following exercises connected with the 3 articles above and 2 video films on You Tube.

I. Decide if the following statements are T-True or F- False or DS-does not say

10 points

1. According to the texts this lawsuit took place in California ._____

2. A woman filed her case against tobacco company in 2009. _____

3. The widow's husband who was a chain smoker died of breast cancer. _____

4. Johnson started smoking when he was 13 years old. _____

5. Plaintiff claimed the company wanted to conceal the health dangers and addictive nature connected with using tobacco products. _____

6. The jury reached a verdict after a four-week trial and 5 hours of deliberations. _____

7. This lawsuit originally was part of a litigation described as the "Engle case," filed in 1994

against companies which produced cigarettes. _____

8. One of the woman's attorney's said the aim of jury's verdict was "to send a statement that tobacco cannot continue to lie to the American people and the American government about the addictiveness of and the deadly chemicals in their cigarettes". _____

9. Another attorney representing Robinson believes that the aim of the verdict was to make tobacco companies stop "targeting children and young people with their advertising". _____

10. According to Nic Valencia CNN correspondent Cynthia Johnson is likely to receive the whole compensation. _____

II. Find in 3 articles a perfect match for the following 10 words. Fill in the empty gaps.

10 points

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| 1. ----- damages | (8 letters) |
| 2. cigarette ----- | (5 letters) |
| 3. ----- verdict | (8 letters) |
| 4. court ----- | (8 letters) |
| 5. public ----- | (9 letters) |
| 6. ----- the case | (4 letters) |
| 7. constitutional --- | (3 letters) |
| 8. post-trial ----- | (7 letters) |
| 9. ----- lawsuits | (4 letters) |
| 10. warning ----- | (6 letters) |

