



UNIT 8 · TAXES · LESSON 8.3

Activity Packet: Grading Sheet

Student: _____

Period: _____

Item	Correct answer	Pts	Earned
READ IT · JORDAN'S W-2 (p. 2)		5	
1. Total wages (Box 1)	\$16,500	1	___
2. Federal tax withheld (Box 2)	\$420	1	___
3. CA tax withheld (Box 17)	\$85	1	___
4. Who sends the W-2	The employer (Sunburst Smoothies)	1	___
5. Receive vs. file	Receives W-2 · files 1040 & 540 2EZ	1	___
FILE IT · FEDERAL 1040 (p. 3)		10	
Line 1 · Wages	\$16,500	2	___
Line 3 · Taxable income (16,500 – 14,000)	\$2,500	2	___
Line 4 · Tax from federal table	\$250	2	___
Line 5 · Withheld	\$420	2	___
Line 6 · Settle up	REFUND · \$170 (420 – 250)	2	___
FILE IT · CALIFORNIA 540 2EZ (p. 4)		10	
Line 1 · CA wages	\$16,500	2	___
Line 3 · CA taxable income (16,500 – 5,500)	\$11,000	2	___
Line 4 · Tax from CA table	\$120	2	___
Line 5 · Withheld	\$85	2	___
Line 6 · Settle up	OWE · \$35 (120 – 85)	2	___
SETTLE UP + REFLECT (p. 5)		5	
Summary table both rows correct	Fed 250/420/refund 170 · CA 120/85/owe 35	2	___
"Talk it out" explanation	Two separate systems: federal withholding overshoot, state undershot	1	___
Money Move plan (specific place + free option + reason)	Any complete, specific plan	2	___

Partial credit: if a student carries an early error forward correctly (e.g. wrong Line 3 but correct table lookup and subtraction from it), award the later lines' points. Grade the *process*, not just the number.