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Dear Friend,

I am a 14 year old girl living in Lebanon. My country is in the middle of a civil war. It has been going on for five years, and we are not sure when it will end. Most of the conflict comes from political problems that have pitted Muslims and Christians against each other

My family is trying to move to North Carolina. Has the United States ever had a civil war? Was North Carolina involved? If so, how did it affect the economy of the state? Did the state and its people spend all of their money on the war? Were all people poor when it was over? Did some people make more money because of the war? I am concerned because many people in our country are poor.

Thank you for answering my letter. My family will be very grateful.

Sincerely,

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