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## Think About It!

**Directions:** After reading "Out of the Shattered Land," go back and reread sections to answer the questions below. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

### Close-Reading Questions:

1. Reread the first section of the article. What caused the Jacob family to leave their apartment on a September afternoon in 2012?
2. What was Cedric and Francois's neighborhood like before the Syrian war? What was it like after the war began?
3. According to the section "A Terrible Crisis," how has the war in Syria affected its people?
4. In "Just in Time," what details help you understand what living in a war-torn city was like for the Jacob family?
5. What big news did the family receive in this section? How did Cedric and Francois react to this news?
6. What is the main idea of the section "Huge Challenges"? Why do you think this section is included in the article?
7. In "Starting Over," how did other students treat Francois and Cedric? What effect did this have on the brothers?

### Critical-Thinking Questions:

8. To empathize with someone is to understand and share their feelings. Which details in the article especially help you empathize with Cedric and Francois?
9. The final paragraph explains that the brothers try to focus on "what they've found" rather than "what they've lost" in leaving Syria for America. In your own words, explain what they've lost and found.