Ever since Hannah was an infant, she and her parents had left their tiny city apartment and spent two weeks in the country every June. They rented a big old farmhouse on a large farm. Though the farm was no longer in use, there were acres of fields and woods to explore and even a pond for swimming. Hannah considered those two weeks at the farm the best two weeks of the year. This

June, like every other, everyone packed swimsuits, shorts, and hiking shoes and eagerly headed to the country. Hannah could tell something was different, though, because her mom and dad grew especially quiet as they approached the farm. Hannah figured out why when she saw the big FOR SALE sign posted at the end of the gravel driveway. “The owners are selling the farm! What will we do next June?” Hannah exclaimed.

“How would you feel about living in the farmhouse all year?” Hannah’s dad asked. At first, Hannah thought to herself that it sounded fantastic, but then she wasn’t so sure. She had lots of questions: How could she make new friends in the country? Where would she go to school? What do people do for fun in the winter? Could she keep taking karate lessons like she did in the city?
Hannah’s parents tried to reassure her. She would adapt quickly, they explained. Hannah could have friends visit from the city, and she would certainly be able to keep studying karate. Her parents told her they would move before the school year began so that Hannah would have an easier time adjusting. By the end of the week, the decision was finalized. For the next two months, Hannah tried to stay positive. But she also made herself a list of all the things she would miss about city life—like the bright lights at night and all the stores, restaurants, and museums.

When moving day came, Hannah was both excited and nervous—just like her parents. During the first week of school, she made a new friend. Soon the girls started riding their bikes together, and they registered for the same karate class. Hannah even started to enjoy the quietness of the country. It certainly was not as exciting and busy as the city, but the farm was lovely, and the woods were filled with adventures. She could still visit the bright lights and excitement of the big city. Best of all, living in the country versus a small, cramped apartment in the city gave her the best opportunity of all—her family adopted a puppy!

**Gather Evidence** Identify three elements of city life that Hannah thinks she will miss before she moves and three elements of country life that she enjoys after the move.

**Ask Questions** When Hannah thinks about moving to the country, she has a lot of questions about the move. List three more questions you would have if you were to move to a new place.

**Make Your Case** What do you think is the most convincing evidence that shows Hannah’s feelings changed about the move?