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(Reading adapted from *Obama expects U.S. to admit 10,000 Syrian refugees this year, April 28, 2016*; reuters.com)

**Step 3: Write your summary**

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