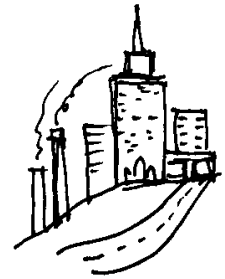


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The Allman Family's Decision

The year is 1947 and the Allman family has a decision to make. Richard Allman and his wife Elizabeth are tobacco farmers. They own their small farm in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. They have three children: Richard Jr., Alice and Louise. Richard, Jr. recently returned from serving in World War II and is willing to work on the family farm. During the war, however, Richard, Jr. learned about opportunities off the farm. He has friends in Richmond and he and his father can get jobs working in a factory there.

In a good year, the tobacco farm provides enough money for paying taxes and for buying all the things they need that they do not make on the farm. They raise crops and animals, and Elizabeth does a lot of canning, preserving and sewing. In a bad year, the tobacco crop does not provide enough money and they have to count on getting loans or using savings to get through to the next year.

The family likes what it has heard of life in Richmond but it also likes the country. In Richmond, they would make more money but would have to spend more, too, because they would no longer grow their own food. In Richmond, they would not have to worry if the weather turned out to be bad for growing crops, but they would face the possibility of losing their jobs.

The family gathers for a conference. Below list the advantages and disadvantages of the family's alternatives.

<p>1. Stay on the Farm</p> 	<p>Advantages</p>
	<p>Disadvantages</p>
<p>2. Move to Richmond</p> 	<p>Advantages</p>
	<p>Disadvantages</p>

Finally, check a box to indicate your decision: Stay Move to Richmond