

Read the following passage and answer below.

"We went to the mountains of eastern Bosnia to hide from the war. As if a forest could shield you from a war. The war flies, reaches you in a second. It runs through the walls, over the mountains and rivers. It enters your mind, your heart and your soul and refuses to leave . . ."

What does Hasan mean by *It enters your mind, your heart and your soul and refuses to leave...*? How does a war where you live affect one's mental state? Why might Hasan especially be affected by it?

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Why might the mountainous eastern region of Bosnia be more beneficial for Hasan and other refugees? Does it benefit him?

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Hasan was survivor of the 1995 genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and has worked tirelessly for twenty-three years to bring truth to the world and justice to Srebrenica's victims. Through civil, criminal, and international courts as well as through his writing, Nuhanović continues "to ensure that Bosnia is able to move on and face the future, while acknowledging its tragic past" (Holocaust Memorial Day Trust). How can a country do this? Where does it start? What must change?

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The United States has a long history filled with ignored, sometimes damning situations. How does your previous answer apply to the US? What is different between the two countries?

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