Hi! My name is Lou Charbonnier and I'm 15 years old. I'm from Cholet, France. I live with my parents, David and Pauline. My dad works in logistics for newspaper distribution and my mom is a nurse in my town's hospital. I also have a sister, Anouk, who's 18 and studying law in college. She does not live at home anymore; she only comes back during the weekends. I have three cats: Rosie, Octave and Mona. I would say I'm quite a happy person in life and like to laugh. I'm really easy-going and I like to try new things. I'm pretty helpful. I'm also quite picky with food but I'm willing to try new food! And finally, I really like spending time with my family.

I do music at the conservatory in Cholet since I'm 4 years old. I play the flute in an orchestra and in a smaller group. I also take swimming classes and I like to go on walks or runs in the weekend. I love to ski in winter and I've been skiing since I'm young. This summer, I surfed for the first time and I loved it! I would like to practice this sport more this year because we don't live far from the beach. I really like to listen to music. Some of my favourite artists are Lana Del Rey, Arctic Monkeys and Gracie Abrams. I also like to read, whether that's in English or in French. My favourite book is "Carrie Soto is back" from Taylor Jenkins Reed. Emily Henry, Holly Jackson and Casey McQuiston are also authors of books that I really enjoy. I like to watch series and movies. I love spending time with my friends! I met most of my best friends in middle school, we're really close and we love to see each other! In school, my favourite subjects are history, science and English. I generally like every subject apart from some. I'm not enrolled in any type of clubs at school. The only thing I do that is not made by everyone is the option "euro anglais" which is what allows me to do this exchange. With the option, I have classes of English that are slightly more difficult and subjects, like maths or history, in English. With this trip, I'm really looking for a cultural exchange! I really want to discover more of the USA and to know which stereotypes are true and not. I'm excited to make friends for life! And, in general, just to travel and see a new country.

See you in June! Bye!

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