

Lesson 2: Prepping, Packing & Panhandling

3-5 Student Document How Much Did Philippine's Journey to the New World Cost?

In the real world, every journey takes money. Philippine lived in the real world and had to raise the money for her journey to the New World. Read the following from *Philippine Duchesne: Frontier Missionary of the Sacred Heart*:

“The menfolk, too, were busy with notes and bills of exchange amounting to nearly **20,000 francs—their own money or Philippine’s**—to finance the missionary venture of this middle-aged cousin whom they loved so sincerely.” (Callan, p. 204)

Callan, Louise. *Philippine Duchesne: Frontier Missionary of the Sacred Heart*. Maryland:Newman, 1957. Print.

- **Philippine raised 20,000 francs in 1817 to make her journey to the New World and open a school.**
- **Her 20,000 francs were equal to \$3,802.00 US dollars in 1817.**
- **\$3,802.00 US dollars in 1817 was worth \$70,800.00 in 2016.**

1. Do you think 20,000 francs in 1817 was a small or large amount of money? Why?

2. To see how much the value of a US dollar has changed over the last 250 years, look at the following website and complete the table below.

<http://247wallst.com/investing/2010/09/16/the-history-of-what-things-cost-in-america-1776-to-today/>

Year	\$1.00	What that \$1 is worth today?	What a pound of coffee cost that year?	Write down one other item and price for that year.
1776	\$1.00			
1800	\$1.00			
1825	\$1.00			
1850	\$1.00			
1875	\$1.00			
1900	\$1.00			
1925	\$1.00			
1950	\$1.00			
1975	\$1.00			
2000	\$1.00			

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3. To see how prices have changed over the last 200 years, look at the following websites and complete the table below:

<http://www.choosingvoluntarysimplicity.com/prices-for-1860-1872-1878-and-1882-groceries-provisions-dry-goods-more/>

<https://www.bls.gov/opub/btn/volume-2/average-food-prices-a-snapshot-of-how-much-has-changed-over-a-century.htm> (using Table 1)

Item	1860 Price	1913 Price	2013 Price	Today’s Price
1 Pound of Flour				
1 Quart of Milk				
1 Gallon of Milk				
1 Pound of Coffee				
1 Pound of Sugar				
1 Pound of Butter				

4. Do you see any trends in the table? Have prices increased or decreased over time? What do you predict will happen to prices in the next 50 years?
