

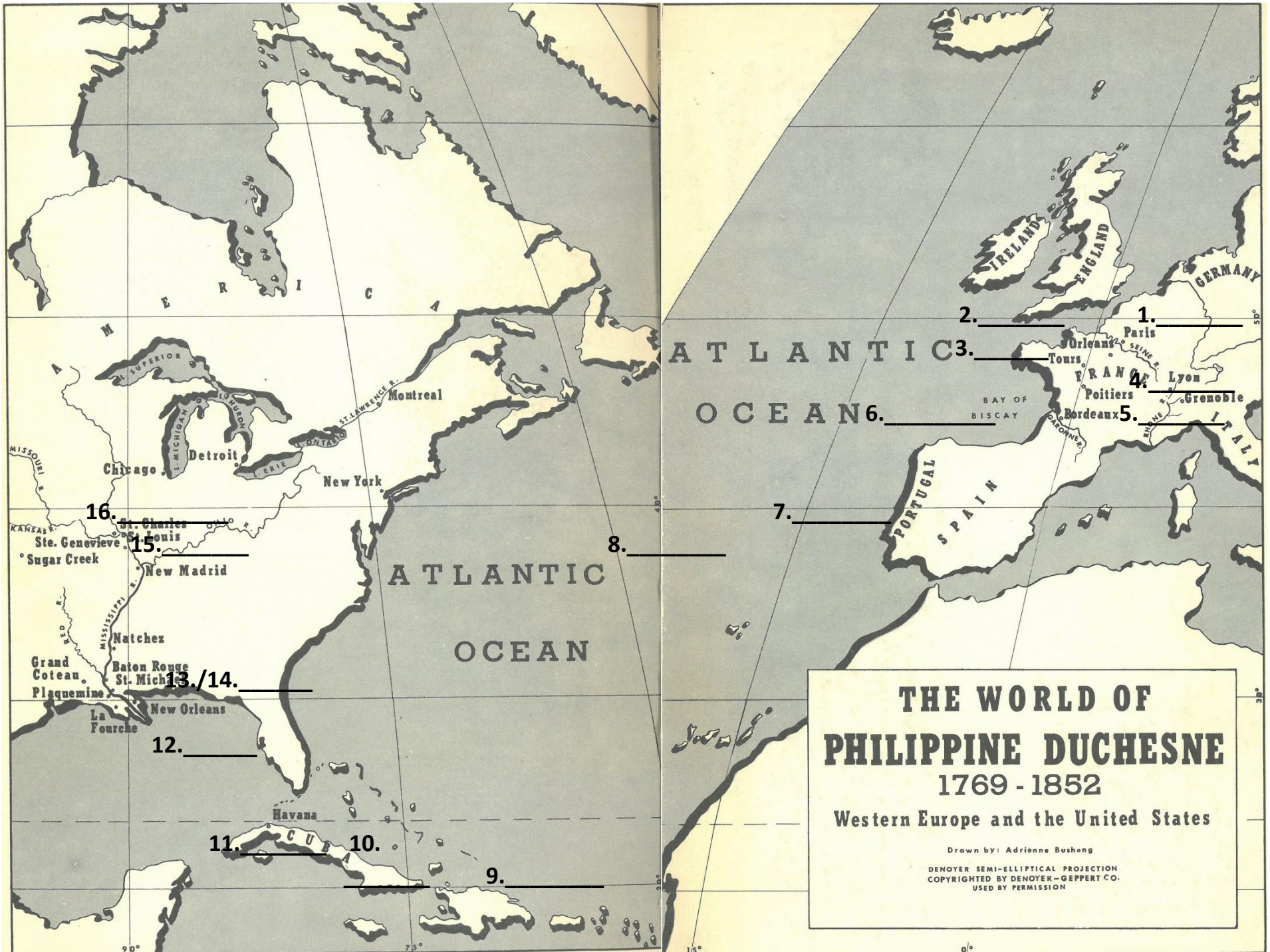
**GLANCE BACK AND PRESS FORWARD**  
**PHILIPPINE'S EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY**

Philippine has traveled an extraordinary distance! While her physical travels are almost over, she is just embarking on her life journey and work.

**GLANCE BACK**

Take a moment to look back and mark the places Philippine has visited on her way to the New World. You have followed her journey—now use the map to mark the places and dates she visits on her way to St. Charles. **Consult the visual timeline (sidebar of the lesson website) to add more dates and events along the way.** Use a colored marker to connect the locations to see her route.

1. February 8, 1818            Leaves her family and the convent in Paris, France, by horse drawn carriage
2.                                Rest/stop in Orleans, France
3.                                Rest/stop in Tours, France
4.                                Rest/stop in Portiers, France, and add another passenger
5. February 15, 1818        Arrives in the port city of Bordeaux, France (endures a month of false sailing starts due to bad weather)
6. March 20, 1818            Sailing in the Bay of Biscay
7. March 30, 1818            Sailing west in the Atlantic Ocean over the Latitude of Lisbon (similar latitude to St. Louis)
8. April 2, 1818              Sailing west by southwest in the Atlantic Ocean around the Azores Islands
9. May 11, 1818              Land is sighted—Caicos (near the Bahamas)
10. May 14, 1818             Sailing west between Cuba and the Bahama Bank
11. May 16, 1818             Sailing just north and within sight of Havana, Cuba
12. May 25, 1818             Arrives at the Mississippi River delta in the Gulf of Mexico
13. May 29, 1818             Disembarks the Rebecca in New Orleans, and stays with the Ursuline Nuns
14. July 12, 1818             Begins sailing north on the Mississippi River aboard the Franklin Steamboat
15. August 21, 1818         Arrives on the St. Louis riverfront
16. September 7, 1818       Arrives on the St. Charles riverfront by cart and ferry



## **PRESS FORWARD**

(Recommended reading: Lesson 7 primary source by Callan & Rose Philippine Duchesne's translated French letter 103, see Student Activities and Documents column)

Consider the following questions for class discussion, short answer, meditation and reflection:

1. After a year of traveling and anticipation, Philippine has arrived at "the remotest place on the earth." How is she feeling about her mission after her arduous journey?
2. Throughout the journey, Philippine has faced many obstacles yet persevered. Look back at your journal notes or brainstorm some of the obstacles. Which difficulties have stood out as insurmountable to you and yet Philippine still pressed forward?
  - a. What have you learned from Philippine about enduring hardships?
3. Philippine dealt with disappointments often, both big and small. Is disappointment also an obstacle? What advice do you think Philippine would give you on dealing with daily disappointments?
4. Philippine has "arrived" at her final destination, but it is neither where she expected to be NOR working with the population of people with whom she had dreamt her whole life of sharing the heart of Jesus. Talk about obstacles and disappointment! How does Philippine model faith when facing adversity and living with an open mindset, particularly in this situation?
  - a. Reflect on how you deal with adverse situations in your life. Is your approach character building? How does Philippine's example give you courage or inspire you?
5. How has overcoming the obstacles of her journey prepared Philippine for the obstacles that may lie ahead for her in St. Charles and St. Louis?