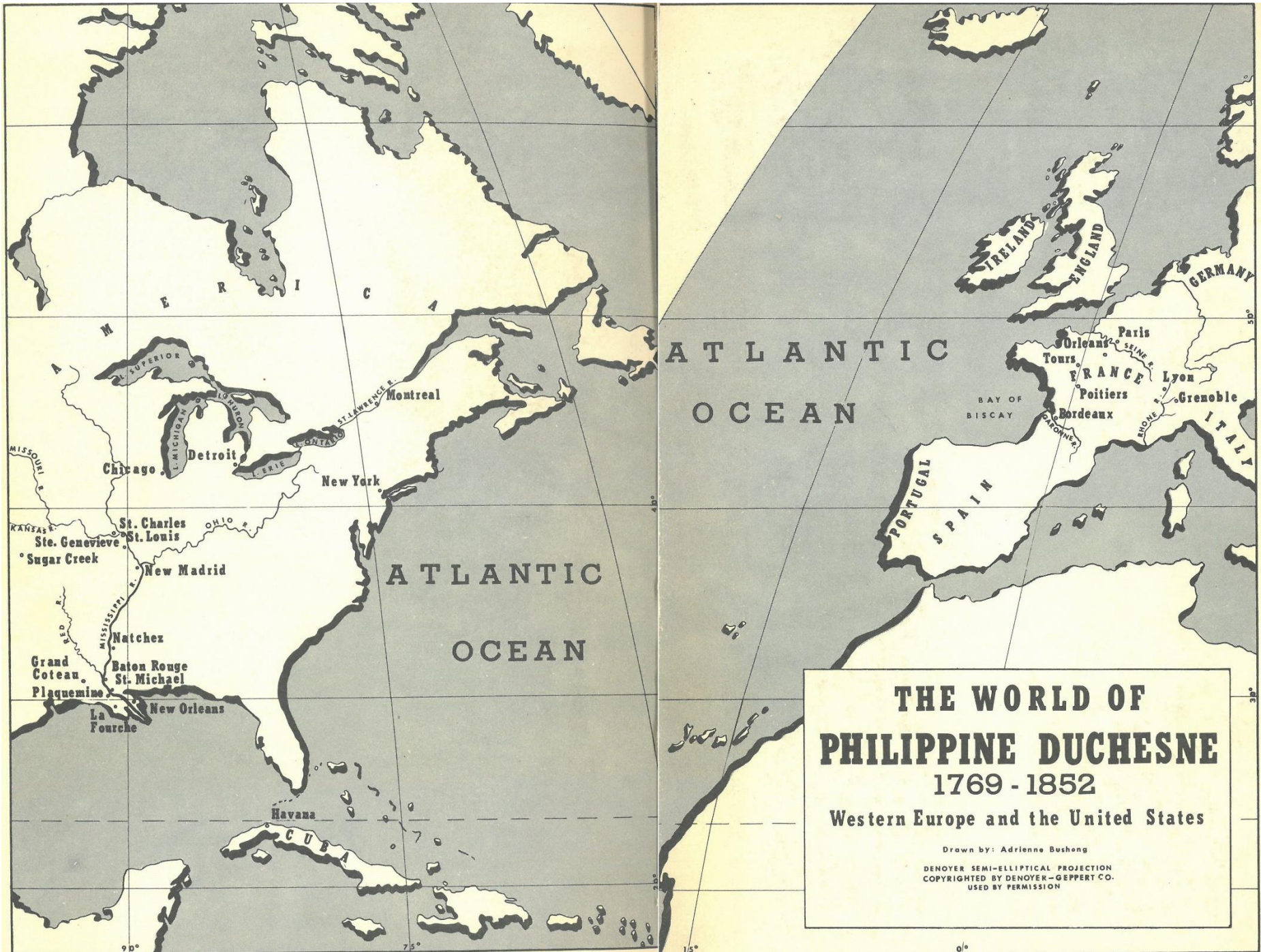


Map of Philippine's Extraordinary Journey

Embarking on her Life Journey

Take a moment to review these pivotal places Philippine visited on her way to the New World. Additional dates and detailed events are available on the **visual timeline located on the sidebar of the lesson website** for your perusal. Visually or physically track Philippine's progress on the map provided and then reflect on how she pressed forward as a missionary.

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?