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The Reform Club

Phileas Fogg, an eccentric English gentleman and bachelor, lives in London. He is one of the most upstanding members of the **Reform Club**.

He comes to his club every morning on the stroke of 11.30.

He reads the newspapers, eats at 12 o'clock, talks very little, plays whist with his fellow club members and goes back home at midnight.

Phileas Fogg has just hired a new servant, a French man called **Passepartout**.

Passepartout feels happy to work for the calm Mr. Fogg. After a turbulent youth he hopes to live in peace.

He takes great pleasure in contemplating the schedule of his daily duties. From 8 in the morning until midnight everything is planned. Just what I need, he thinks, a homeloving and organized man.



But one day...

On October 2nd Fogg reads in the Morning Chronicle that a well-dressed gentleman with good manners has robbed the Bank of England.

Detectives have been sent to the main ports of Liverpool, Glasgow, Suez etc.

In the evening, as Fogg is playing cards with his usual partners, he gets involved in an argument over this theft.

He finally bets them £20,000 that it is possible to round the world in eighty days.

Fogg leaves the Reform Club immediately, prepares a bag and puts £20,000 in Passepartout's bag.

At 8.45 pm they take at Charing Cross Station a train for France. Seven days later they are in Suez.

In Suez the detective Fix is looking for the gentleman thief.



Chapter 2

Fix looks at Passepartout. 'Where are you going?' he asks. 'Around the world,' says Passepartout. 'But right now I need some new shirts.'



Fix takes him to a shop and leaves him there.



Then he sends a telegram to London.



Later he gets on the ship for Bombay with Fogg and Passepartout.



- Fogg, Passepartout and princess Aouda

The rest of the trip is delayed by storms at sea, an Indian attack in the American West.

Detective Fix, who has mistaken Fogg for the bank robber, follows them around the world and causes them lots of trouble.

Nevertheless Fogg manages to win his wager.

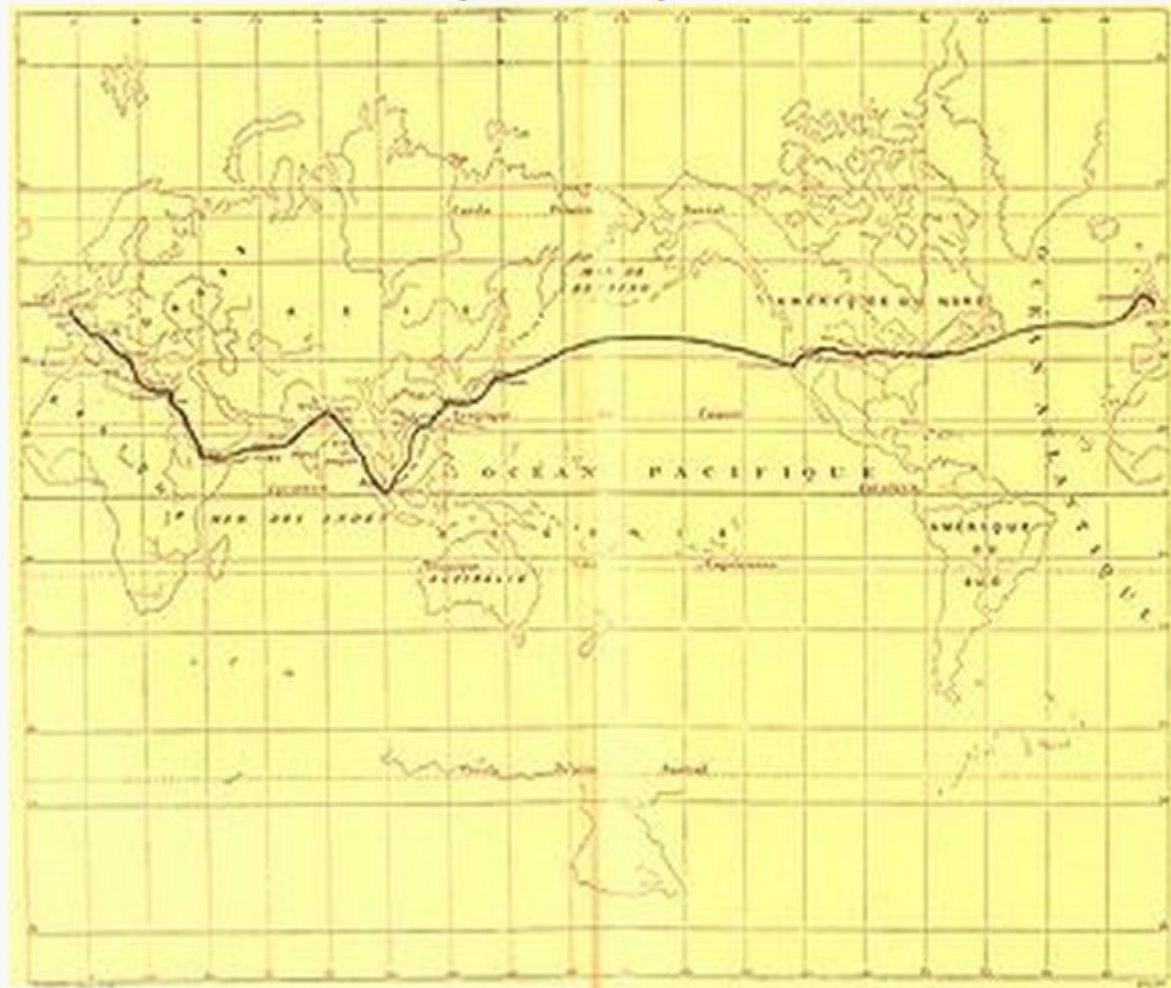
Eighty days later, at 8.44 and fifty-seven seconds he opens the door of the club.

But what Fogg has really gained during this expedition is Aouda's love.

This adorable young woman makes him the happiest of men.



Map of the trip



London Suez Bombay Calcutta Hong-Kong Yokohama San Francisco New York London