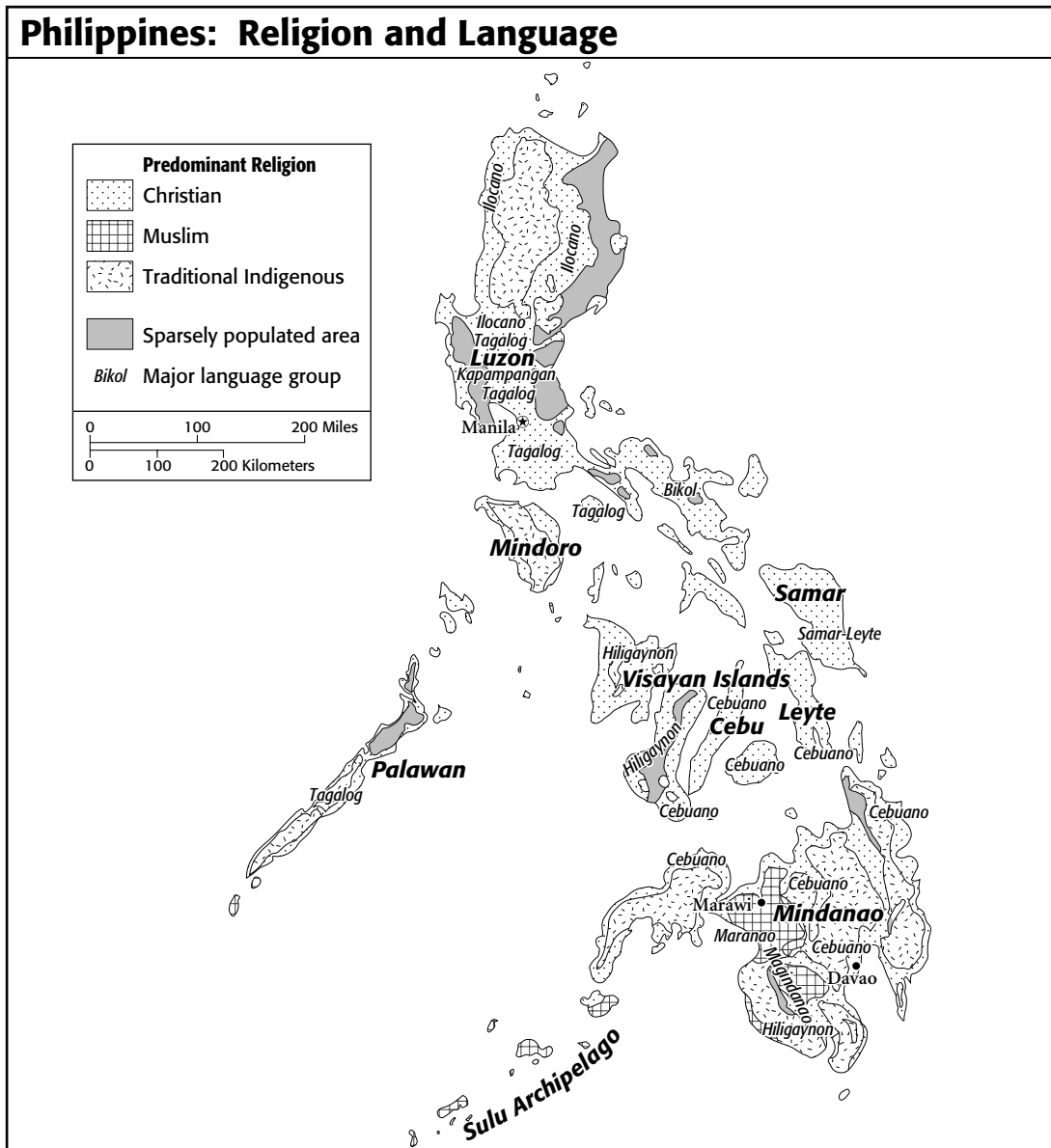


CHAPTER 30

Map Activity

Diversity in the Philippines

The Philippines is a land of great ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity. Many different groups are spread across hundreds of islands in the Philippine archipelago. Since the 1970s the country also has been shaken by a Muslim rebellion on the southern islands. Look at the map below, then answer the questions on the following page.



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1. What five major islands or groups of islands are labeled on the map? In which group are Cebu, Samar, and Leyte located?

2. Where are the cities of Manila and Davao? What is the approximate air distance between them?

3. What major languages are spoken on Luzon? How is most of the northeastern coast of the island classified on the map?

4. What three religious categories are shown on the map? Which category is most common throughout the islands? Where do most Philippine Muslims live?

5. What are the religious and linguistic characteristics of Palawan?

6. **Critical Thinking: Place** Why would the Philippines be a difficult country to govern? How might those conditions contribute to the Muslim insurgency in the south?

ACTIVITY Look at books or magazine articles with information and pictures of the Philippines. Imagine that you are visiting one part of the island. Design a picture postcard with an image of the place you are visiting on one side, and write a short letter to a friend about what you have seen and experienced on the other. Also design and draw a picture of a stamp on your postcard that reflects some aspect of Philippine geography or culture.