

Louise Michel



France

Pédagogue, révolutionnaire, écrivain

52 Vroncourt-la-Côte 1830 - 13 Marseille 1905

She rebelled against poverty and injustice from childhood.

As a schoolmistress in 1850, she starts in Haute-Marne, then in Paris, private schools with an innovative teaching.

She frequents republicans and Victor Hugo, writes articles in opposition newspapers and militates in favor of women rights.

During "la commune de Paris", she is called the **Red Virgin**. She struggles to feed her pupils and to attend wounded persons. She finally mixes with the fighters.

On December 1871, she is sentenced to transportation in Neo-Caledonia where she encourages the canaque rising.

Amnestied in 1880, she alternates lectures, books, articles and poems' writing, and imprisonment periods. She then enjoys a huge popularity.

Worth reading : *Contes et Légendes, Mémoires, A travers la vie, la Commune, Histoire et Souvenirs.*

