Document-Based Question 5

Using the documents below, write a thesis-driven essay that answers the following question:

Why were certain landforms and waterways of strategic importance to European colonial powers as they settled North America during the colonial era?

Notes:
Document 3: Nicolas de Fer. Detail from “Le cours du Missisipi ou de St. Louis fameuse riviere d’Amerique Septentrionale… [The Course of the Mississippi, or the St. Louis, the famous river of North America].” 1718.