

Opening remarks and statements of appreciation.

The following comments were written in response to the requirements listed under “Overall article format” of the “Reviewer’s guidelines for article submission.”

- “First and foremost, I would like to thank the Royal Society for this immense honor. It has always been a lifelong dream of mine to work with such an esteemed organization. In this report, I will discuss the historical aspects presented in Deborah Cadbury’s *The Lost King of France: How DNA solved the Mystery of the Murdered Son of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette*. I will also discuss the genetics concepts presented in the novel, including the technology and different processes that were involved in the investigation of Prince Louis-Charles’ murder. Finally, I will add my own personal input of Cadbury’s novel along with an analysis of which character in this history I see as the most fascinating.”
- “I would like to thank you for selecting me to fulfill this role. This is such an honor and I look forward to completing this challenge set forth by Her Majesty and the Royal Society for the Preservation of Genealogical History. To begin, I would like to inform you of the topics that I will be addressing. First, I will give a general overview of the historical information presented in the work, including strengths and weaknesses; then I will move onto the genetic technology aspects of the text, again, including strengths and weaknesses; third, I will choose one character and provide an evaluation of this individual; and finally, I will end it with a proverbial statement that will define the text.”
- “I would first like to thank you for considering me for this esteemed honor. I am very grateful to share my thoughts with a distinguished organization such as the RSAGA. After an in-depth reading of the book, I will discuss in the following paragraphs the historical events and genetic technology that Cadbury portrays throughout her work. With each of these paragraphs, I will also touch on the strengths and weaknesses of both the way the historical facts are presented and the accuracy of the technologies. Following these two paragraphs, I will do a detailed character analysis of Marie-Antoinette. Lastly, I have determined a proverbial statement that in my opinion sums up the actions in this book.”
- “My Lady, the appreciation that I have for you and your colleagues granting me this privilege to appraise this work is endless. Not wanting to disappoint, I have composed this review of *The Lost King of France: How DNA Solved the Mystery of the Murdered Son of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette* by Deborah Cadbury with great haste and attention to detail. As you have requested, I have included a contextual history of the time, as according to the novel. I will evaluate how the history was portrayed in the novel in both a positive and negative manner. Following history, I shall describe the usage of cutting-edge genetics technology and evaluate its presentation as well. Through my reading, I began to identify with the little sister of the “lost king” in question, Maria-Theresa Charlotte. I believe her story is one that should be told, as it is a story that is good for the soul.”