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More specifically for the first book: The first book is one of my favorite within the series. As you are introduced to the characters, you form personal bonds with them in a way that not many authors can capture. As you follow their journey, you feel the pain, joy, and sadness as described within the book. Many first books consist of mostly introductions, which often becomes dull, but somehow Shannon Messenger has a way of making these introductions personal. I highly recommend this book, and the rest of the series! Read more. 12 people found this helpful.

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The first chapter presents the sweeping backdrop of forces and events that will shape the lives of the novel's characters. From the first paragraph, Dickens begins developing the central theme of duality. England and France in 1775 embody the concept of duality that Dickens outlines in the first paragraph. Both countries are simultaneously experiencing very similar and very different situations. Cities designated as UNESCO World Book Capital undertake to carry out activities with the aim of encouraging a culture of reading and diffusing its values in all ages and population groups in and out of the national borders. Through the World Book Capital programme, UNESCO acknowledges the cities commitment for promoting books and fostering reading during a 12 months period between one World Book and Copyright Day and the next (23 April). The first UNESCO World Book Capital designated prior to the adoption of 31 C/Resolution 29 was Madrid (Spain) in 2001. An agreement was concluded among the partners that, after Madrid, the subsequent capitals would be Alexandria in 2002 and New Delhi in 2003. Why do you think Dickens chose to write the first two paragraphs in such an extraordinary manner? to show contrasting themes like good/evil and belief/disbelief were emphasized (doubles will be a prevalent theme throughout the novel). Why is chapter 2 called “The Mail”? What does Mr. Lorry dream about at first? Tellson's bank. What “current of impression that never cease[d] to run” is bothering Mr. Lorry? In her book Cities: The First 6,000 Years, archaeologist Monica L. Smith gives us the story of cities: how people built them and why, how ancient cities compare to modern cities, and how cities impact the people who live in them. It is a fascinating look at the urban environments that so many of us take for granted, unquestioningly walking streets everyday without considering why or what went before. Smith's love of archaeology and discovery shine clearly off of each page- she seems as eager to s...