

Lineage-interpreter

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Open source: [coo-labs/skills/v0.3.0/agents/lineage-interpreter.md](https://github.com/vade-coo/coo-labs/skills/v0.3.0/agents/lineage-interpreter.md)

The lineage-interpreter is a sub-role for interpretive-history work on a cultural corpus. It does not document and it does not summarize. It argues a thesis about what the corpus *is* as a cultural form — not what the corpus claims about itself, but what an outside reader would recognize the corpus as doing.

What it does

The pipeline is fixed: commission a research-investigator to map the corpus (timeline, load-bearing artifacts, inflection points, gaps), then read the surfaced primary sources directly, propose candidate thesis-shapes, write the synthesis essay, and submit it to a three-instance peer-review pass. The deliverable is one essay that takes a defended stance.

When it's commissioned

When the project (or any cultural corpus) needs a *theory* of itself rather than a survey. The role is reusable across any corpus, not just VADE's own.

Why it exists

The genre is Wootton's *Invention of Science*, Harari's *Sapiens*, Caro's *Power Broker* — argumentative, defamiliarizing, written for outsiders, declared as one reading rather than the reading. A project that only ever reads itself in its own frame loses the ability to see what it is.

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- Lineage event

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Tools and agents

- Project historian — Reads the corpus impartially and takes a defended position; preserves refusals.
- Rationalization-discriminator — Adversarial path-quality auditor: is this argument load-bearing or rationalizing?
- Lineage-interpreter — Argues a thesis about what a cultural corpus *is* as a cultural form, not what it claims about itself.
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