

marie antionette

the accusations

traitor

accused of plotting against france with the help of austrian mother. high treason with intelligence activities in the interest of the enemy was enough to sentence her to death.

depletion

accused of depleting the national treasury and sending millions of livres of treasury to austria. civilians blamed her spending to be the cause of the french revolution.

incest

accused of incest, a charge made by her son, louis charles. he was pressured into doing it by the radical elements who controlled him. this drew an emotional response from antoinette, who refused to respond to this charge, instead appealing. there has never been evidence to support this charge.

sexual activities

accused of planning and orchestrating orgies in versailles. the market was flooded with whole libraries of pornography that depicted her as a treacherous nymphomaniac who conducted orgies with cardinals and generals.

massacre

accused of arranging the massacre of *gardes francaises*, also known as the national guards, in 1792. she was considered a conspiracy against the internal and external security of the state.

new king

accused of declaring her son the new king of france after her husband's death. this was also while the monarchy was currently abolished.

Marie Antionette was declared guilty on all her charges by an all-male jury on early October 16th, 1793, and by 12:15 PM, she was guillotined. Her last words were, "Pardon me, sir, I meant not to do it," to the executioner, whose foot she had accidentally stepped on. Her body was placed in a coffin and dumped into a common grave behind the Church of the Madeline.

Most accusations given to Marie Antionette are questioned now, but truthfully, the French people didn't need a valid reason to behead her and Louis XVI. They were sick of royalty and wanted a republic. She was also reviled by her people, because she was a foreigner and claimed she would corrupt the monarchy. She had many things the commoners wanted, and for that, they declared her as unsympathetic to France.