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1. *Law* To call (an accused person) before a criminal court to hear and answer the charge made against that person.
2. To call to account; accuse: “*Johnson arraigned the modern politics of this country as entirely devoid of all principle*” (*James Boswell*).

[Middle English *arreinen*, from Old French *araisnier*, from Vulgar Latin **adratiōnāre*, to call to account : Latin *ad-*, *ad-* + Latin *ratio*, *ratio*-, account; see [REASON](#).]

ar·raign *er n.*

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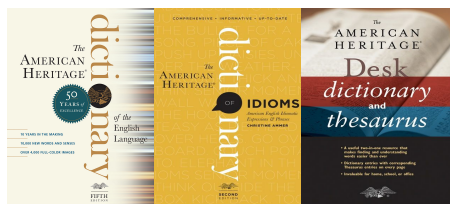
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