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n. pl. an·ni·ver·sa·ries

1. The annually recurring date of a past event, as of personal or historical importance: *a wedding anniversary; the anniversary of the founding of Rome.*
2. A date that follows a certain event by a specified amount of time: *his six-month anniversary of quitting smoking.*
3. An event at which an anniversary is celebrated.

[Middle English *anniversarie*, from Medieval Latin (*diēs*) *anniversāria*, anniversary (day), from Latin, feminine of *anniversārius*, returning yearly : *annus*, year; see **at-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *versus*, past participle of *vertere*, to turn; see **wer-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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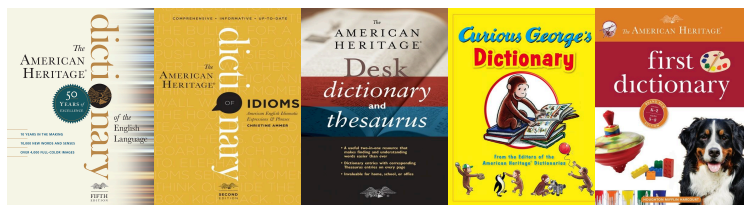
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