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1. To induct into office by a formal ceremony.
2. To cause to begin, especially officially or formally: *inaugurate a new immigration policy*. See Synonyms at [begin](#).
3. To open or begin use of formally with a ceremony; dedicate: *inaugurate a community center*.

[Latin *inaugurāre*, *inaugurāt-*, to consecrate by augury : *in-*, intensive pref.; see [IN-](#)² + *augurāre*, to augur (from *augur*, soothsayer; see [aug-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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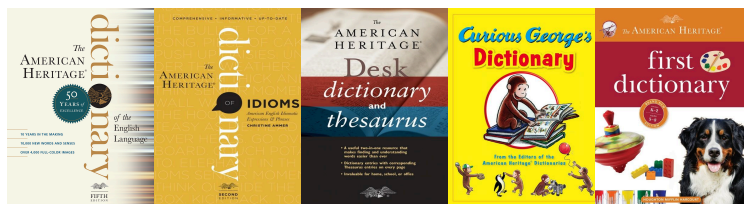
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