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1. A period of time as reckoned from a specific date serving as the basis of its chronological system.
2. A period of time characterized by particular circumstances, events, or personages: *the Colonial era of US history*; *the Reagan era*.
3. The longest division of geologic time, made up of one or more periods.

[Late Latin *aera*, from Latin, counters, pl. of *aes*, *aer*-, bronze coin; see **ayes-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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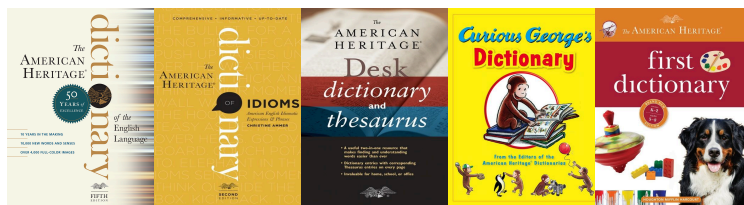
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