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- n.*
- a.** The state of being widely known, widely recognized, or of great popular interest: *a singer of international fame*.
 - b.** Public estimation; reputation: *a politician of ill fame*.
- 2. Archaic* Rumor.
- tr.v. famed, fam-ing, fames*
- To make renowned or famous.
 - Archaic* To report to be: "*The fancy cannot cheat so well / As she is famed to do*" (*John Keats*).

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *fāma*; see **bhā-**² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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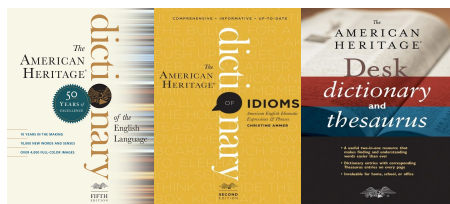
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