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Greek Mythology

The Cyclops who confined Odysseus and his companions in a cave until Odysseus blinded him and escaped.

[Latin *Polyphēmus*, from Greek *Poluphēmos*, from *poluphēmos*, famous : *polu-*, much; see [POLY-](#) + *phēmē*, saying, report; see *bhā-*² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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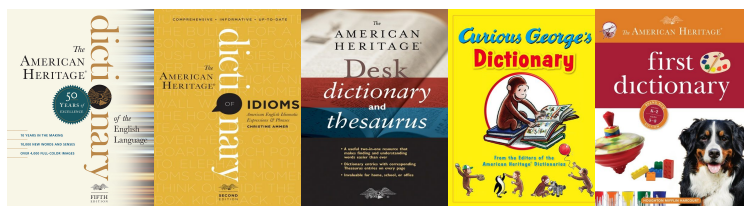
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