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n.

A weapon of the 1400s and 1500s having an axelike blade and a steel spike mounted on the end of a long shaft.

[French *hallebarde*, from Old French *alabarde*, from Old Italian *alabarda*, from Middle High German *helmbarde*, *halmbarde* : *helm*, handle + *barte*, axe (from Old High German *barta*; see **bhardh-ā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

hal'ber·dier (-bərd-dîr) *n.*

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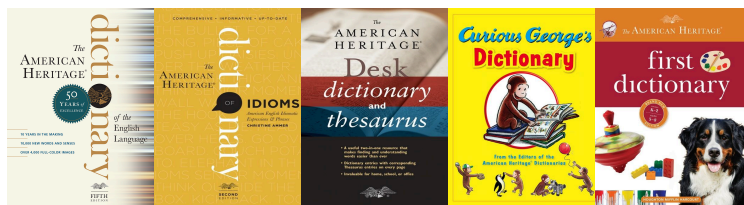
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