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Greek Mythology

A river of fire, one of the five rivers of Hades.

[Middle English *Flegeton*, from Latin *Phlegethōn*, from Greek, from present participle of *phlegethein*, to blaze, variant of *phlekein*; see **bhel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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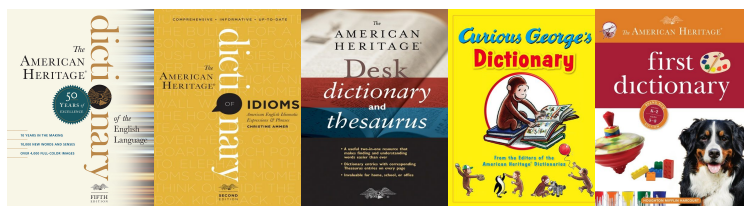
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