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1. The evolutionary development and history of a species or trait of a species or of a higher taxonomic grouping of organisms: *the phylogeny of Calvin cycle enzymes*. Also called *phylogenesis*.
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3. A similar model or diagram delineating the development of a cultural feature.

[Greek *phūlon*, race, class; see [PHYLUM](#) + [-GENY](#).]

phy'lo·gen ic (-jĕn ĭk) *adj.*

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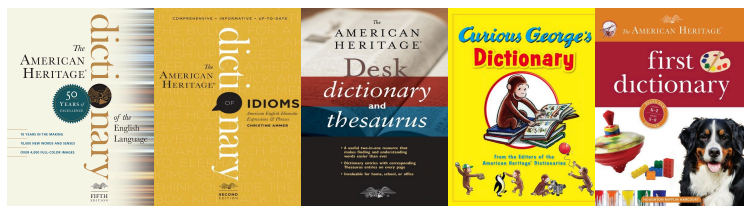
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