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1.

a. The right or privilege of voting; franchise.

b. The exercise of such a right.

2. A vote cast in deciding a disputed question or in electing a person to office.

3. A short intercessory prayer.

[Middle English, intercessory prayer, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *suffrāgium*, from Latin, the right to vote, from *suffrāgārī*, to express support; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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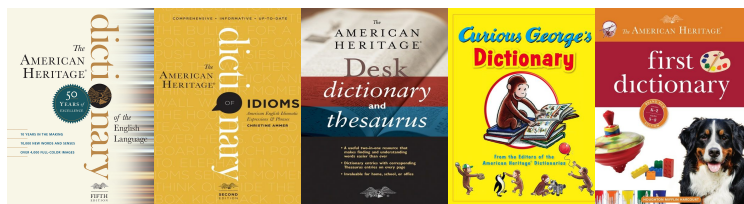
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