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tr.v. **vin·di·cat·ed**, **vin·di·cat·ing**, **vin·di·cates**

1. To clear of accusation, blame, suspicion, or doubt with supporting arguments or proof: *"Our society permits people to sue for libel so that they may vindicate their reputations"* (Irving R. Kaufman).
2. To defend, maintain, or insist on the recognition of (one's rights, for example).
3. To demonstrate or prove the value or validity of; justify: *The results of the experiment vindicated her optimism.*
4. *Obsolete* To exact revenge for; avenge.

[Latin *vindicāre*, *vindicāt-*, from *vindex*, *vindic-*, surety, avenger; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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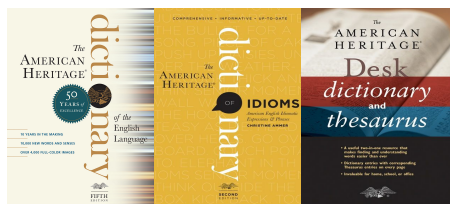
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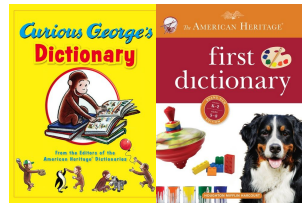
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