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n.

One of the 6,000 citizens chosen each year in ancient Athens to sit in the law courts, with functions resembling those of a judge and juror.

[Greek *dikastēs*, judge, from *dikazein*, to judge, from *dikē*, right, custom; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

di·cas tic *adj.*

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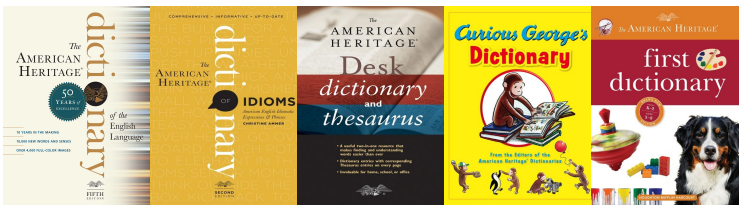
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