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adj.

1. Of or relating to an age or period of 100 years.
2. Occurring once every 100 years: *a centennial commemoration*.
3. Of or relating to a 100th anniversary.

n.

A 100th anniversary or a celebration of it.

[Latin *centum*, hundred; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + (BI)ENNIAL.]

cen·ten ni·al·ly *adv.*

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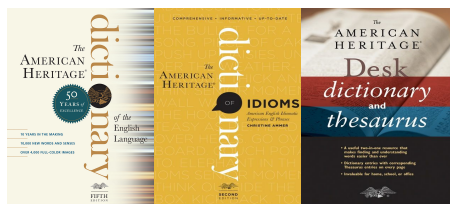
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