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The 16th century, especially in Italian art and literature.

[Italian, from (*mil*) *cinquecento*, (one thousand) five hundred : *cinque*, five (from Latin *quīnque*; see **penk^{we}** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *cento*, hundred (from Latin *centum*; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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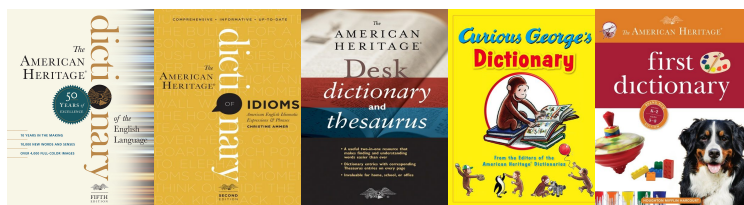
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