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n.
Archaic
A warhorse.

[Middle English *destrer*, from Anglo-Norman, variant of Old French *destrier* (a destrier being so called because the squire usually walked at the left side of the horse and led it with his right hand) : *destre*, right hand (from Latin *dextra*, from feminine of *dexter*, right (in *dextra manus*, right hand); see **deks-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots) + *-ier*, noun and adjective suffix (from Latin *-ārius*).]

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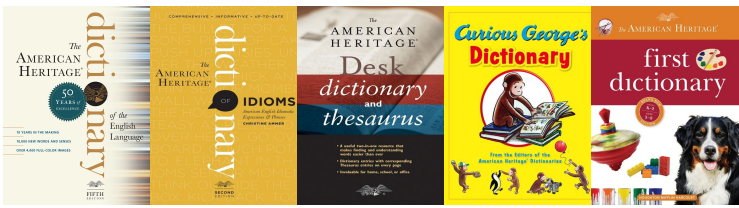
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