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n.

1. Control or the exercise of control; sovereignty: *"The devil ... has their souls in his possession, and under his dominion" (Jonathan Edwards).*
2. A territory or sphere of influence or control; a realm.
3. often **Dominion** A self-governing nation under the nominal rule of the British monarch.
4. **dominions** *Christianity* See [domination](#).

[Middle English *dominioun*, from Old French *dominion*, from Medieval Latin *dominiō*, *dominiōn*-, from Latin *dominium*, property, from *dominus*, lord; see **dem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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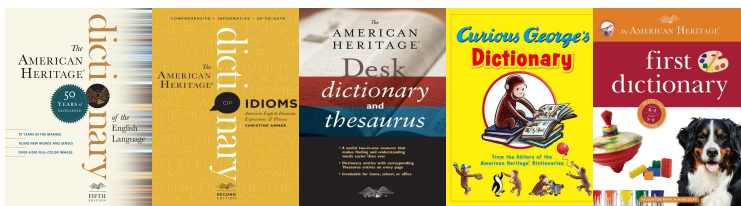
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