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n.
A ruler, especially a hereditary one.

[Latin *dynastēs*, from Greek *dunastēs*, lord, from *dunasthai*, to be able; see *deu-*² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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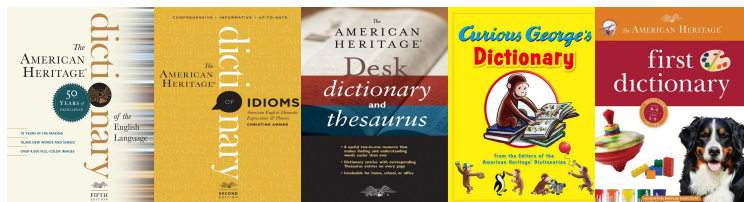
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