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To instruct especially so as to encourage intellectual, moral, or spiritual improvement.

[Middle English *edifiēn*, from Old French *edifier*, from Late Latin *aedificāre*, to instruct spiritually, from Latin, to build; see [EDIFICE](#).]

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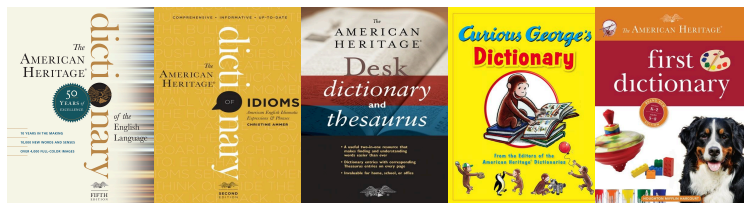
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