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pon·ti·fex (pŏn tə-fěks')

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n. pl. pon·tif·i·ces (pŏn-tĭf ĭ-sēz')

A man on the highest council of priests in ancient Rome.

[Latin; see **pent-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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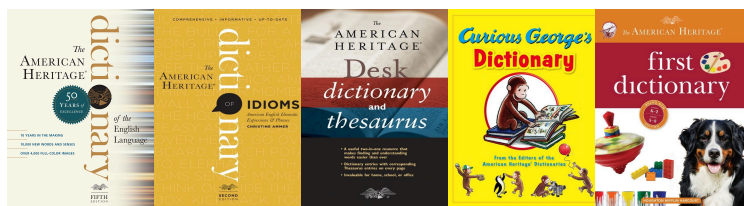
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