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n. pl. ef·fi·gies

1. A crude figure or dummy representing a hated person or group.
2. A likeness or image, especially of a person.

Idiom:

in effigy

Symbolically, especially in the form of an effigy: *The deposed dictator was burned in effigy by the crowd.*

[French *effigie*, from Latin *effigiēs*, likeness, from *effingere*, to portray : *ex-*, *ex-* + *ingere*, to shape; see **dheigh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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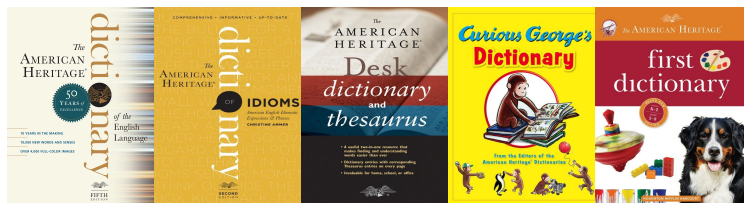
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