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1. **Pantheon** A circular temple in Rome, completed around AD 125 and dedicated to all the gods.
2. A temple dedicated to all gods.
3. All the gods of a people considered as a group: *Jupiter is head of the Roman pantheon.*
4. A public building commemorating and dedicated to the heroes of a nation.
5. A group of persons most highly regarded for contributions to a field or endeavor: *the pantheon of modern physics.*

[Middle English *Panteon*, Pantheon, from Latin *Panthēum*, *Panthēon*, from Greek *Pantheion*, shrine of all the gods, from neuter sing. of *pantheios*, of all the gods : *pan-*, *pan-* + *theos*, god; see **dhēs-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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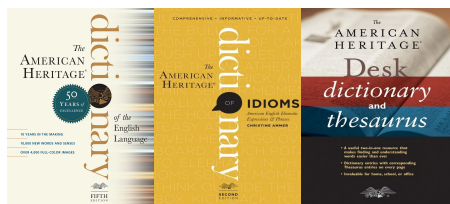
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