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Hinduism

A mother goddess having various roles and manifestations, especially as Durga, Lakshmi, and Sarasvati, the female counterparts to the male gods of the Trimurti.

[Sanskrit *devī*, feminine of *devaḥ*, god; see **dyeu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]



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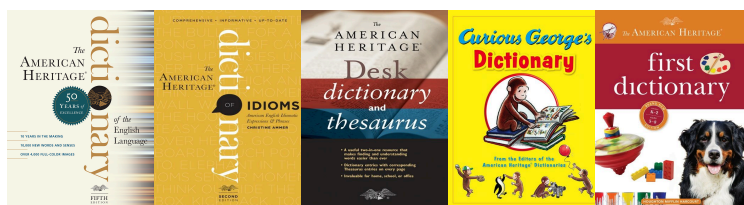
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