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1.

a. A category of artistic composition, as in music or literature, marked by a distinctive style, form, or content: *"his six String Quartets ... the most important works in the genre since Beethoven's"* (Time).

b. A realistic style of painting that depicts scenes from everyday life.

2. A type or class: *"Emaciated famine victims ... on television focused a new genre of attention on the continent"* (Helen Kitchen).

[French, from Old French, kind, from Latin *genus*, *gener-*; see **genə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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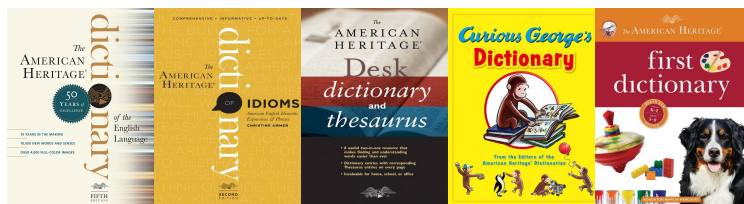
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