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n.

1. The genetic makeup, as distinguished from the physical appearance, of an organism or a group of organisms.
2. The combination of alleles located on homologous chromosomes that determines a specific characteristic or trait.
3. A specific combination of alleles at one or more loci on a chromosome.

[Greek *genos*, race; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *typus*, type; see [TYPE](#).]

gen'o·typ *ic* (-tĭp ĭk), **gen'o·typ** *i·cal* *adj.*

gen'o·typ *i·cal·ly* *adv.*

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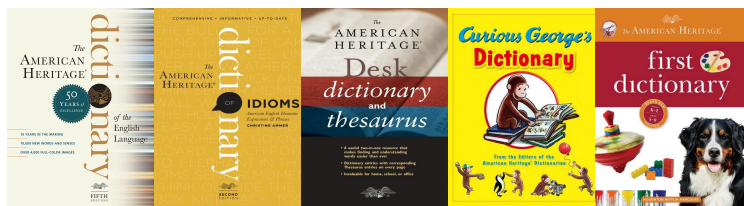
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