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- n.*
1.
 - a. A native or inhabitant of Germany.
 - b. A person of German ancestry.
 2. Any of the West Germanic languages and dialects spoken or originating in Germany, Austria, or Switzerland, especially standard High German.

[Middle English, from Latin *Germānus*.]

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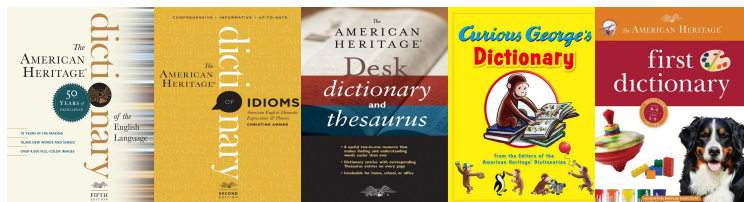
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