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n.

A second-rate imitator or follower, especially of an artist or a philosopher.

[French *épigone*, sing. of *épigones*, from Greek *Epigonoí*, sons of the seven heroes against Thebes, from pl. of *epigonos*, born after : *epi-*, *epi-* + *gonos*, child, seed; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ep'i·gon ic (-gŏn ĭk) *adj.*

e·pig on·ism (ĭ-pĭg ə-nĭz'əm) *n.*

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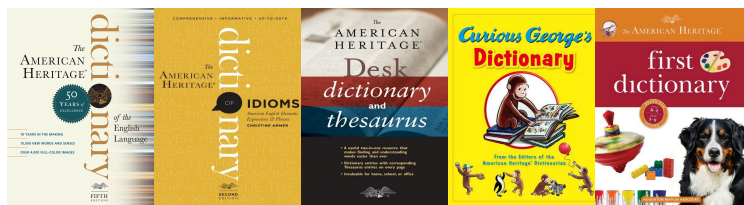
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