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n. pl. **phys·i·og·no·mies**

1. Facial features.

2.

a. The art of judging human character from facial features.

b. Divination based on facial features.

3. Aspect and character of an inanimate or abstract entity: *the physiognomy of New England.*

[Middle English *phisonomie*, from Old French *phisionomie*, from Late Latin *physiognōmia*, from Greek *phusiognōmiā*, variant of *phusiognōmoniā* : *phusio-*, *physio-* + *gnōmōn*, *gnōmon-*, interpreter; see **gnō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

phys·i·og·nom *ic* (-ŏg-nŏm ĭk, -ə-nŏm ĭk), **phys·i·og·nom** *i·cal* (-ĭ-kəl) *adj.*

phys·i·og·nom *i·cal·ly* *adv.*

phys·i·og *no·mist* *n.*

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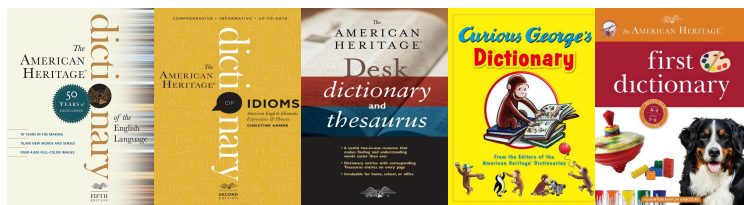
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