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n. pl. gu·rus

1. In Hinduism and Tibetan Buddhism, a personal spiritual teacher.

2.

a. Any of the ten successive spiritual teachers who developed Sikhism between the 16th and 18th centuries.

b. **Guru** See [Guru Granth Sahib](#).

3.

a. A trusted counselor and adviser; a mentor.

b. A popular or influential leader or advocate, as of a movement or idea: *"In a culture that worships slimness, he was the Guru of Lean"* (Erica Abeel).

[Hindi *guru*, from Sanskrit *guruḥ*, from *guru-*, heavy; see **g^werə-¹** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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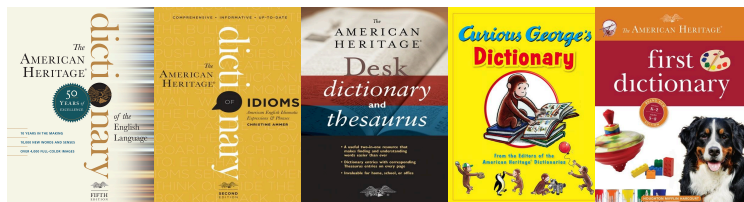
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