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1. Western lands or regions; the west.
2. **Occident** The countries of Europe and the Western Hemisphere.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *occidēns*, *occident-*, from present participle of *occidere*, to set (used of the sun); see [OCCASION](#).]

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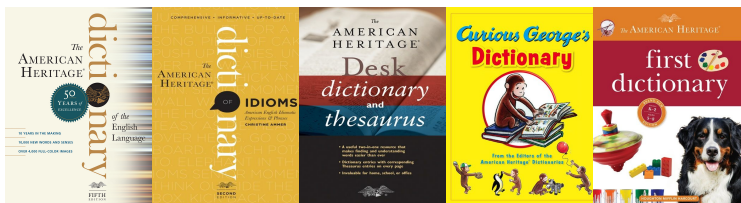
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