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1. Killer: *bactericide*.
2. Act of killing: *ecocide*.

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[Middle English, from Old French (from Latin *-cīda*, killer) and from Latin *-cīdium*, killing, both from *caedere*, to strike, kill; see **kaa-id-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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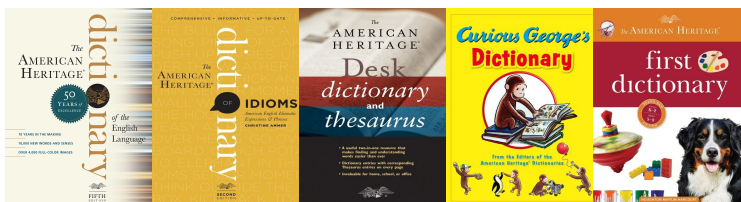
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