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n.

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2. A student who has nearly completed the requirements for a degree.
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[Latin *candidātus*, clothed in white (from the white togas worn by Romans seeking office), candidate, from *candidus*, white; see [CANDID.](#)]

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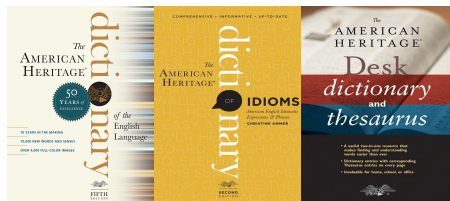
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