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[Middle English *frank encens*, from Old French *franc encens* : *franc*, free, pure; see [FRANK](#)¹ + *encens*, incense; see [INCENSE](#)².]

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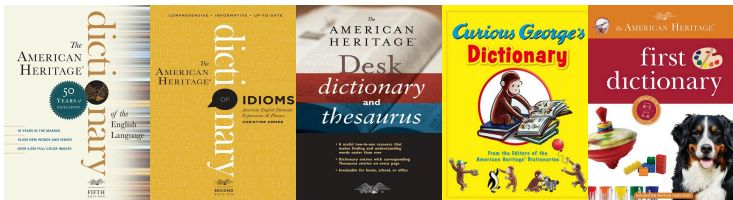
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