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n.
The beginning of something, such as an undertaking; a commencement. See Synonyms at [origin](#).

[Middle English *inception*, from Latin *inceptiō*, *inceptiōn-*, from *inceptus*, past participle of *incipere*, to begin, take up : *in-*, in; see [IN](#)² + *capere*, to take; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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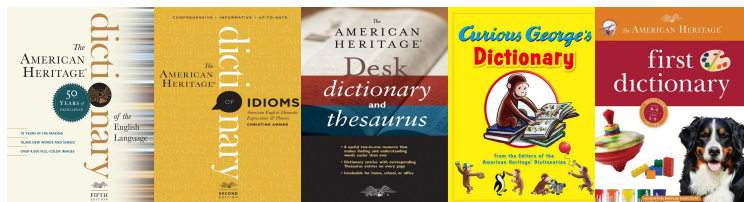
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