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v. re·ca·pit·u·lat·ed, re·ca·pit·u·lat·ing, re·ca·pit·u·lates

v.tr.

1. To repeat in concise form.

2. *Biology* To appear to repeat (the evolutionary stages of the species) during the embryonic development of the individual organism.

v.intr.

To make a summary.

[Latin *recapitulāre*, *recapitulāt-* : *re-*, *re-* + *capitulum*, main point, heading, diminutive of *caput*, *capit-*, head; see *kaput*- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

re·ca·pit u·la'tive, **re·ca·pit u·la-to'ry** (-lə-tô'rē) *adj.*

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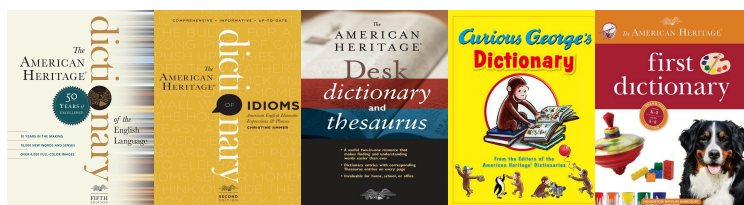
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