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n.

A large ceratopsian dinosaur of the genus *Triceratops* of the Cretaceous Period, having a large bony frill at the back of the skull, a pair of horns above the eyes, and a single horn on the nose.

[New Latin *Tricerātōps*, genus name : Greek *tri-*, *tri-* + Greek *keras*, *kerāt-*, horn; see **ker**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Greek *ōps*, eye, face; see **ok**^w- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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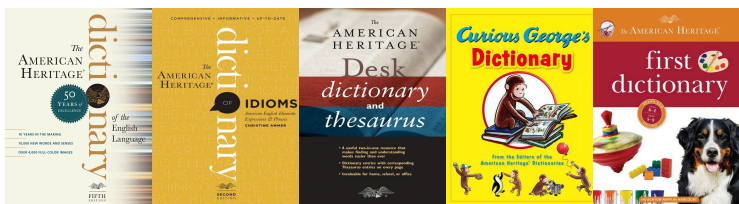
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