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cri·o·sphinx  (krī ə-sfīngks')

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n.

A sphinx with the head of a ram.

[Greek *krīos*, ram; see **ker-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + [SPHINX](#).]



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criosphinx

granite sculpture of Amun in the form of a ram, protecting King Taharga of Nubia (reigned 690-664 bc)

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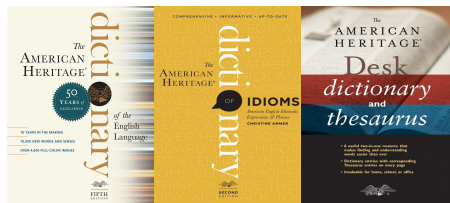
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