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n. pl. cre-dos

1. A creed.

2. **Credo**

a. The Apostles' Creed.

b. The Nicene Creed, especially as the third item of the Ordinary of the Roman Catholic Mass.

c. The musical setting of the Nicene Creed.

[Middle English, the Apostles' Creed, from Latin *crēdō*, I believe (the first word of the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed), first person sing. present tense of *crēdere*, to believe; see **kerd-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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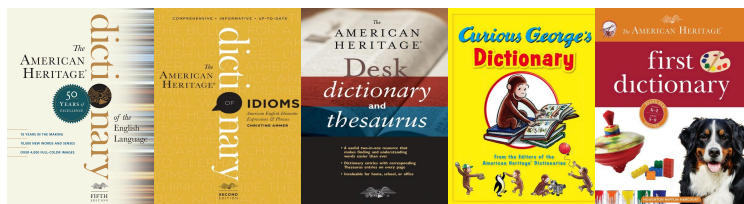
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