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n.

1. A horseman of the Hungarian light cavalry organized during the 1400s.
2. A member of any of similar, ornately uniformed European units of light cavalry.

[Hungarian *huszár*, of Slavic origin; akin to Serbian Church Slavonic *husarĭ*, highwayman, raider, and Serbo-Croatian *husa*, plundering, invasion, trap, both from Proto-Slavic **xqsa*, raiding, robbery, band of robbers, of Germanic origin; akin to Gothic *hansa* and Old English *hōs*, troop, band, and Middle Low German *hanse*, hanse.]

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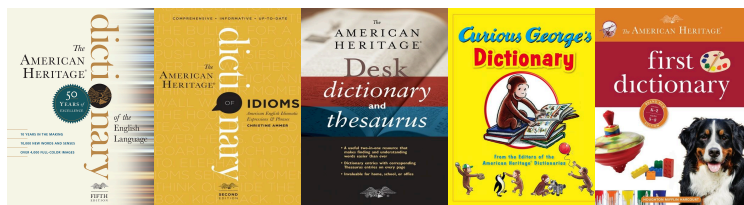
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