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n. pl. po·e·sies

1. Poetical works; poetry.
2. The art or practice of composing poems.

[Middle English *poesie*, from Old French, from Latin *poēsis*, from Greek *poiēsis*, from *poiein*, to create; see [k^wei-² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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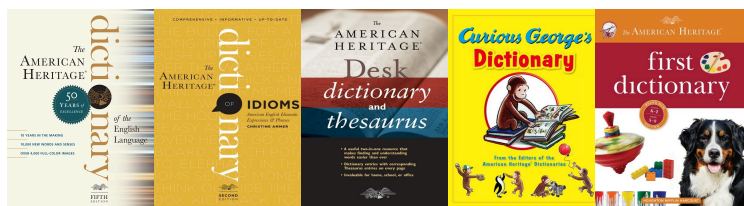
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