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req·ui·em  (rĕk wē-əm, rē kwē-)

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n.

1. Requiem *Roman Catholic Church*

a. A mass for a deceased person.

b. A musical composition for such a mass.

2. A hymn, composition, or service for the dead.

[Middle English, from Latin, accusative of *requiēs*, rest, the first word of the mass for the dead : *re-*, *re-* + *quiēs*, quiet; see **k^weiə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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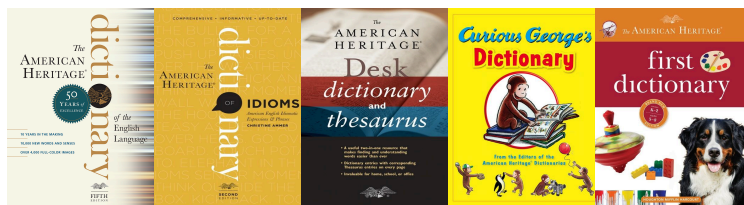
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