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1. *Law* To find not guilty of a criminal offense.
2. To conduct (oneself) in a specified manner: *acquitted herself well during the interview.*
3. *Archaic* To release or discharge from an obligation, such as a debt.
4. *Obsolete* To repay.

[Middle English *aquiten*, from Old French *aquiter* : *a-*, to (from Latin *ad-*; see [AD-](#)) + *quite*, free, clear (from Medieval Latin *quittus*, variant of Latin *quiētus*, past participle of *quiēscere*, to rest; see [k^{we}ia-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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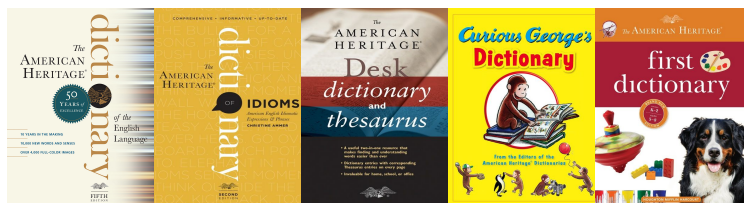
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