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n.

1. A quality, as of an experience or a work of art, that arouses feelings of pity, sympathy, tenderness, or sorrow.
2. The feeling, as of sympathy or pity, so aroused.

[Greek, suffering; see **k^went(h)-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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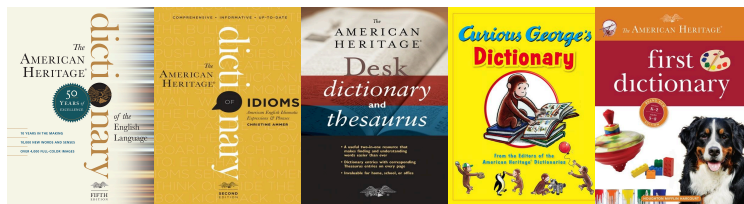
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