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reference [n3] *printed matter with information*
 archives, cyclopedia, dictionary, encyclopedia, evidence, source, thesaurus, writing; SEE CONCEPTS 271,280

refine [v1] *purify*
 clarify, cleanse, distill, filter, process, rarefy, strain; SEE CONCEPT 165

refine [v2] *perfect, polish*
 better, civilize, clarify, cultivate, elevate, explain, hone, improve, make clear, round, sleek, slick, smooth, temper; SEE CONCEPT 244

refined [adj1] *cultured, civilized*
 aesthetic, civil, classy*, courteous, courtly, cultivated, delicate, discerning, discriminating, elegant, enlightened, exact, fastidious, fine, finespun, genteel, gentlemanly, gracious, high-brow*, high-minded, ladylike, nice, plush, polished, polite, posh, precise, punctilious, restrained, ritzy*, sensitive, snazzy*, sophisticated, spiffy, suave, sublime, subtle, swanky*, tasteful, urbane, well-bred, well-mannered; SEE CONCEPTS 401,555,589

refined [adj2] *cleaned of impurities*
 aerated, boiled down, clarified, clean, cleansed, distilled, drained, expurgated, filtered, processed, pure, purified, rarefied, strained, washed; SEE CONCEPT 621

refinement [n1] *cleansing*
 clarification, cleaning, depuration, detersion, distillation, draining, filtering, processing, purification, rarefaction, rectification; SEE CONCEPT 165

refinement [n2] *cultivation, civilization*
 affability, civility, courtesy, courtliness, delicacy, dignity, discrimination, elegance, enlightenment, erudition, fastidiousness, fineness, fine point*, finesse, fine tuning*, finish, gentility, gentleness, good breeding, good manners, grace, graciousness, knowledge, lore, nicety, nuance, polish, politeness, politesse, precision, sophistication, style, suavility, subtlety, tact, taste, urbanity; SEE CONCEPTS 388,633,655

reflect [v1] *give back*
 be resonant, cast, catch, copy, echo, emulate, flash, follow, give forth, imitate, match, mirror, rebound, repeat, repercuss, reply, reproduce, resonate, resound, return, reverberate, reverse, revert, shine, take after, throw back; SEE CONCEPTS 65,171,624

reflect [v2] *think about*
 cerebrated, chew*, cogitate, consider, contemplate, deliberate, meditate, mull over, muse, ponder, reason, ruminant, speculate, stew*, study, think, weigh, wonder; SEE CONCEPTS 17,24

reflect [v3] *demonstrate, indicate*
 bear out, bespeak, communicate, display, evince, exhibit, express, indicate, manifest, reveal, show; SEE CONCEPT 261

reflection [n1] *thought, thinking*
 absorption, brainwork, cerebration, cogitation, consideration, contemplation, deliberation, idea, imagi-

nation, impression, meditation, musing, observation, opinion, pensiveness, pondering, rumination, speculation, study, view; SEE CONCEPTS 17,24

reflection [n2] *mirror image*
 appearance, counterpart, duplicate, echo, idea, image, impression, light, likeness, picture, representation, reproduction, shadow; SEE CONCEPT 628

reflection [n3] *criticism*
 animadversion, aspersion, blame, censure, derogation, discredit, disesteem, imputation, obloquy, reproach, slam, slur, stricture; SEE CONCEPT 52

reflective [adj] *thoughtful*
 cogitating, contemplative, deliberate, meditative, pensive, pondering, reasoning, ruminative, speculative, studious; SEE CONCEPT 403

reform [v] *correct, rectify*
 ameliorate, amend, better, bring up to code*, change one's ways*, clean up, clean up one's act*, convert, correct, cure, emend, go straight*, improve, make amends, make over, mend, rearrange, rebuild, reclaim, reconstitute, reconstruct, redeem, refashion, regenerate, rehabilitate, remake, remedy, remodel, renew, renovate, reorganize, repair, resolve, restore, revise, revolutionize, rework, shape up, standardize, swear off, transform, turn over a new leaf*, uplift; SEE CONCEPTS 35,110,126,202

refrain [n] *chorus of musical piece*
 burden, melody, music, song, strain, theme, tune, undersong; SEE CONCEPTS 264,595

refrain [v] *do without; keep from doing*
 abstain, arrest, avoid, be temperate, cease, check, curb, desist, eschew, forbear, forgo, give up, go on the wagon*, halt, inhibit, interrupt, keep, leave off, not do, pass, pass up, quit, renounce, resist, restrain, sit out*, stop, take the cure*, take the pledge*, withhold; SEE CONCEPTS 121,681

refresh [v] *make like new; give new life*
 brace, breathe new life into, bring around, brush up, cheer, cool, enliven, exhilarate, freshen, inspirit, jog, modernize, prod, prompt, quicken, reanimate, recreate, regain, reinvigorate, rejuvenate, renovate, repair, replenish, restore, resuscitate, revitalize, revive, revivify, stimulate, update, vivify; SEE CONCEPTS 35,202,697

refreshment [n] *small amount of food or drink*
 bite, pick-me-up*, snack, spread, tidbit; SEE CONCEPT 457

refrigerate [v] *chill, usually in storage*
 air-condition, air-cool, cool, freeze, ice, keep cold, make cold; SEE CONCEPTS 202,255

refuge [n] *place to hide, have privacy*
 ambush, anchorage, asylum, cover, covert, den, escape, exit, expedient, fortress, harbor, harborage, haven, hideaway, hideout, hiding place, hole, home, immunity, ivory tower*, makeshift, opening, outlet, port, preserve, protection, recourse, resort, resource, retreat, safe place, sanctuary, security, shelter,

shield, stopgap
 CEPTS 198,515

refugee [n] *pers
 pression*
 alien, boat per:
 sarter, displace
 capee, evacua
 foreigner, fou
 leper, maroon, c
 egade, runawa
 359,413

refund [n] *return*
 acquittance, all
 discharge, disco
 money back, pay
 neration, repayn
 satisfaction, sett
refund [v] *return*
 adjust, balance,
 claim, indemnif
 good*, make re
 recompense, rec
 linquish, remit, i
 settle; SEE CONCE
refurbish [v] *spru*
 clean up, do up*;
 ize, overhaul, re
 fresh, rehab, n
 renew, renovate,
 to rights, spruce,
refusal [n] *denial*
 abnegation, ban, c
 declination, defiar
 avowal, disclaime
 sent, enjoiment,
 knockback*, negat
 compliance, nonc
 proscription, rebuf
 nouncement, renu
 pulsion, reversal,
 withholding, writ;
refuse [n] *garbage*
 debris, dregs, dros
 leavings, litter, mu
 residue, rubbish, t
 sweepings, swill,
 CONCEPT 260

refuse [v] *deny; say*
 beg off, brush off*
 cord, disallow, dis
 dodge, evade, hold
 make excuses, nix*,
 not care to*, pass t
 ceive, regret, reject,
 off*, send regrets*,
 down*, turn away, t
 from, turn one's bac
 CONCEPTS 30,49,266