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Did You Know?

Centuries ago, a string of pearls in the same shape and size was considered the most valuable piece of jewelry in the world, peaking in popularity and value during the Roman Empire.

Before diamonds, pearls were given as engagement rings and were actually the most popular wedding presents in the 19th century. The diamond's modern reign began around 1870 but pearls continue to be considered ideal wedding gifts because they symbolize purity and modesty.

November Birthstones Topaz and Citrine

The mellow yellow color of these two sparkling gems forecasts a long and happy life for the November born. In the Middle Ages, Topaz was thought to prevent death and heal both physical and mental disorders, while Citrine was believed to help the heart, kidney, digestive track, liver and muscles.

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Golden Yellow Citrine— The Sunshine Gem

This glittering form of precious quartz ranges in color from a soft lemon, to rich honey-yellow, to a brilliant, saturated pale gold. The name Citrine comes from the French word "citron" which means lemon, and that perfectly describes this sparkling, transparent, sunny yellow gem.

Citrine was considered a valuable gem since early Greek times, around 230 BC. And it can rival more expensive gems such as yellow sapphire, yellow topaz, golden beryl, and yellow tourmaline at a fraction of the cost, making it one of the best values in the gem world.

Citrine is also the second most important member of the quartz family after amethyst. It is a worry-free gem with a reliable hardness of 7 on the Mohs scale. It has high durability, clarity, toughness, and wearability which makes it perfect for all kinds of striking jewelry such as rings, pendants, necklaces, bracelets, brooches, and earrings.



**BIRTHSTONES
 OF THE MONTH:**

Topaz



Citrine



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