



**Dagger**  
Western Iran  
1000-800 BCE  
Bronze, Stone  
9" long  
Carlos Museum, Emory University  
1984.18



**Necklace**  
Mesopotamia, Sumeria  
2200-2350 BCE  
Gold, quartz (variety: carnelian)  
18" long  
Carlos Museum, Emory University  
2010.5.1



**Pair of Earrings**  
Iron Age  
1st millennium BCE  
Gold  
1" diameter  
Carlos Museum, Emory University  
2003.2.1AB

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## Material Resources in the Ancient Near East

Of all the objects you've seen so far in this course, can you name some of the materials that they've been made of?

Many functional objects are highly decorated when a more plain object could serve the same purpose. Why make them so beautiful?

List a few natural resources that were accessible in the ancient Middle East. Do we still use these materials today?

Think of some examples in the Torah where the importance of materials is emphasized.

How might someone make an item or object "precious," even if it was made out of common materials? How does a material mark status?

What can the materials used and objects left behind by an ancient society tell us about them?