The Book of Eldritch Gemstones

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DM: "The chest opens and reveals 200 gold pieces and a chalcedony gem!"

PC: "What's chalcedony look like?"

DM: Note to self: Next time place a potion of gaseous form or perhaps a turquoise gem...

That's a Dungeon Master's worst nightmare. Most of us can rattle off diamonds, emeralds, rubies and sapphires OK. But there are some geological challenges to Dungeons and Dragons.

These tables are not the end all, but merely a glimpse of what one particular stone of each kind looks like, followed in parenthesis by the common D&D gold piece value for the stone. Please note that no two gems are alike, especially when you deal with stones such as banded agate or bloodstone. There are multiple colors of sard, spinels and most corundum gems.

If nothing else, this is a neat hand out for your Player Characters.

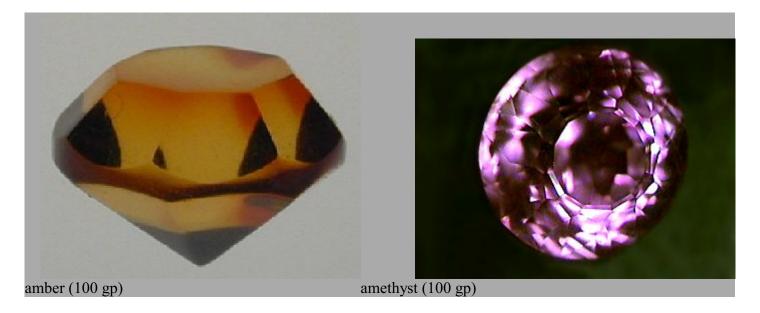






agate, moss (10 gp)

alexandrite (500gp)

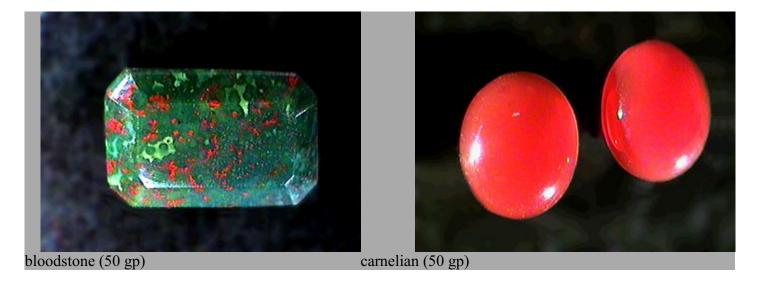


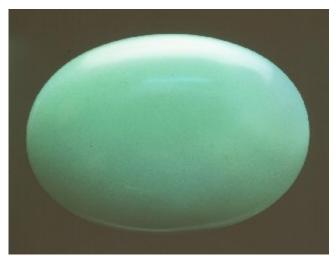




aquamarine (500 gp)

azurite (10 gp)

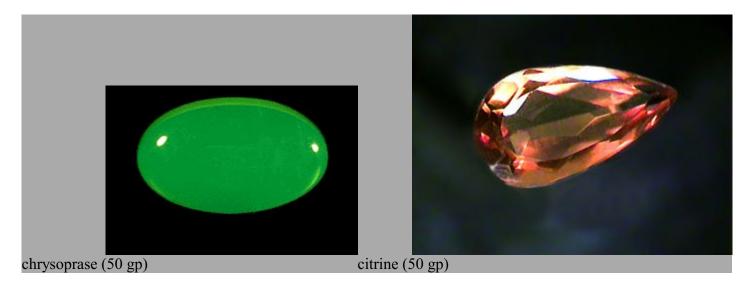






chalcedony (50 gp)

chrysoberyl (100 gp)







coral (100 gp)

corundum, fiery yellow (1000 gp)





corundum, rich purple (1000 gp)

diamond, blue-white (5000 gp)





diamond, blue (5000 gp)

diamond, brown(5000 gp)





diamond, canary (5000 gp) diamond, pink (5000 gp)





emerald (1000 gp)

emerald, clearest bright green (5000 gp)



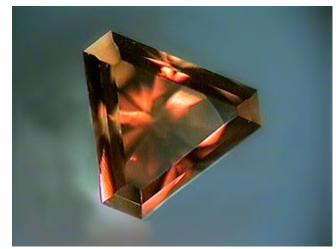


garnet, brown-green(100 gp)

garnet, red (100 gp)







golden yellow topaz (500 gp)

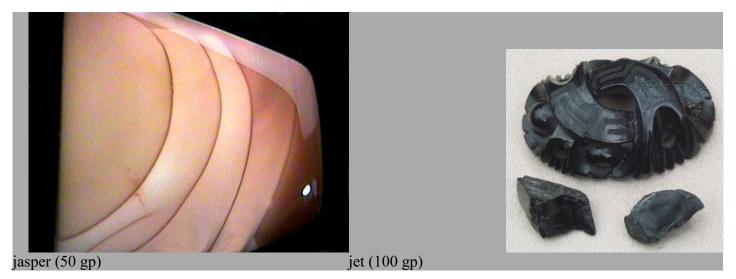




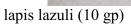




jacinth (5000 gp)

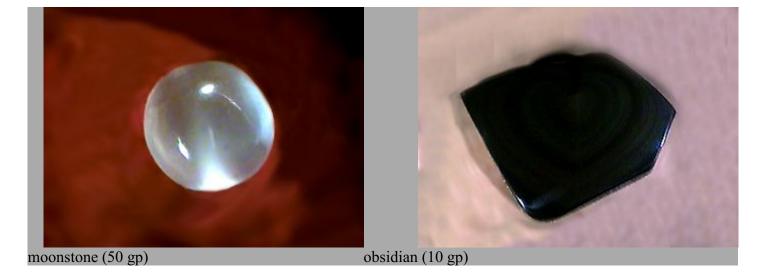




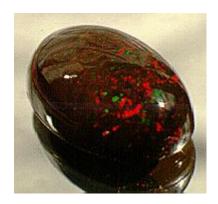




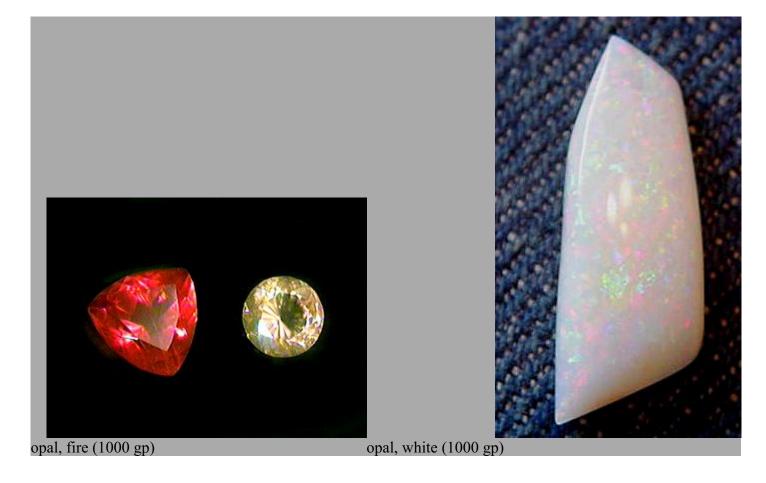
malachite (10 gp)

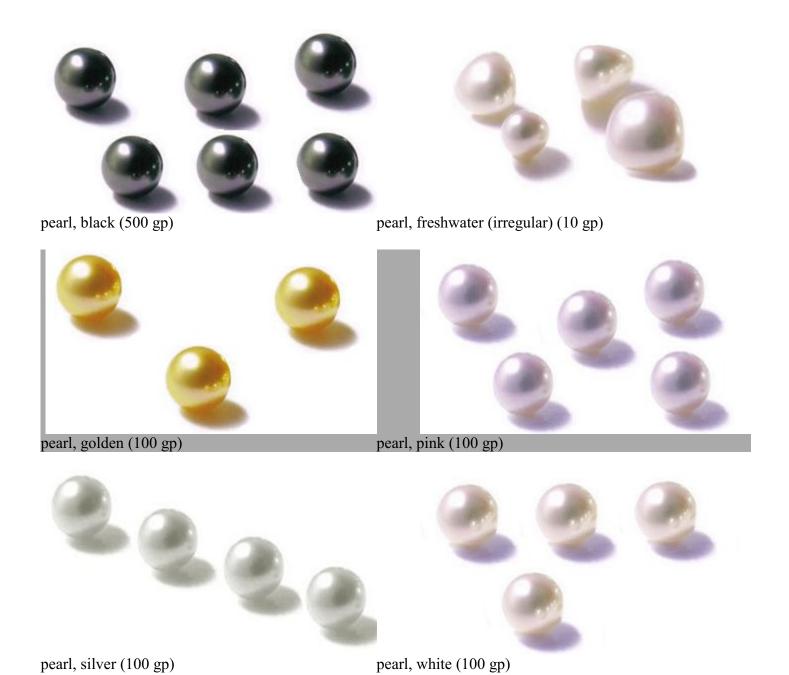


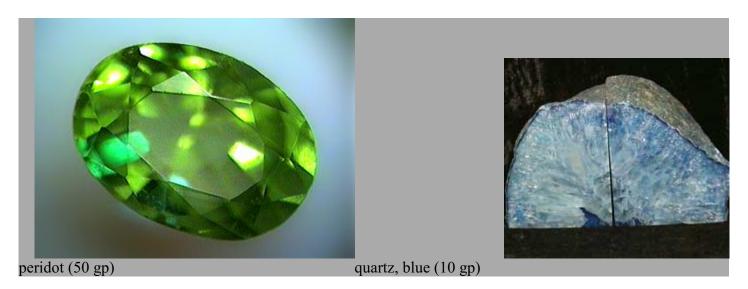




onyx (50 gp) opal, black (1000 gp)











quartz, clear (rock crystal) (50 gp)

quartz, rose (50 gp)







rhodochrosite (10 gp)

ruby, star (1000 gp)









sapphire, blue star(1000 gp)





sardonyx (50 gp)

spinel, deep blue (500 gp)





spinel, deep green (100 gp)

spinel, red-brown (100 gp)







tiger eye (10 gp)

turquoise (10 gp)



zircon (50 gp)

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