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## ESTATE JEWELRY

Those with an appreciation for estate jewelry should be familiar with the terminology that defines older styles and periods. The word "antique" applies to any piece of jewelry that is at least 100 years old. The word "period" refers to jewelry of a recognized style that is less than 100 years old. Victorian (1835-1890) is known for drop earrings and beaded tier necklaces in silver-topped gold. Edwardian (1890-1915) imparts a light and airy mix of platinum, diamonds, and pearls, with filigree settings. Art Nouveau (1890-1910) generally features gold in very stylized swirls and curls, without many precious stones but plenty of enamel. Art Deco (1915-1935), characterized by its geometric

style, pairs platinum with diamonds mixed with (semi)precious colored stones.

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