



Gemstone: Flint

Flint is a sedimentary rock made mostly of a mineral called quartz. Flint is hard enough to scratch steel, but it is also brittle and can be shaped to produce sharp edges. Ohio flint was highly valued by prehistoric Native Americans, who used it to make weapons and tools, such as spears, arrow heads, and drills. Today, flint is used to make beautiful jewelry. It became Ohio's official State Gemstone in 1965.