

Appraisal and Research Resources
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- authenticate objects
- research objects not in our collection
- provide an appraisal or value of any object.

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Appraisals

Appraisers will authenticate and value objects for a fee. The following websites have searchable listings for appraisers:

[Antique Appraisal Association of America](#)

[The Appraisal Foundation](#)

[Appraisers Association of America](#)

[International Society of Appraisers](#)

[National Association of Professional Appraisers.](#)

Research

Where to start? If you know where your object is from, contacting a museum local to that area is a good place to start. If you are unsure of that, try searching online museum collections. Most museums with large collections have searchable catalogs with images accessible through their websites. These are great resources for starting your research. Searching their collections to find similar objects can provide a wealth of information. Examples of large, diverse collections can be found here:

[The Smithsonian](#)

[The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[The British Museum](#)

[The Louvre](#)