



Spouted Jar

Date
ca. 300 BCE-400 CE

Primary Maker
Lenca

Medium
pottery and slip paint

Description
The Lenca people lived in eastern El Salvador and central-western Honduras and were independent of the Maya city-

states around them. They lived in advanced chiefdoms and traded with many cultural groups from Mesoamerica. Large spouted jars such as this one have been found to contain the residue of a frothy chocolate drink used in feasts and ceremonies. This chocolate vessel is decorated with a human head.

Dimensions
Overall: 7 1/2 x 10 1/4 x 9 1/8 in. (19.1 x 26 x 23.2 cm)