

# Basic Detail Report

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## Pendant

**Date**  
ca. 600-900

**Primary Maker**  
Maya (archaeological culture)

**Medium**  
jade

**Description**  
Jade was the most precious material known to the ancient Maya, more valuable than gold or copper. The range of greenish-blue colors found in this mineral reminded the Maya of young sprouts of corn, the staple on which the entire civilization was built. Rulers, elites, and even wealthy commoners wore jade whenever possible. This bead was most likely worn over the heart.

**Dimensions**  
Overall: 2 3/8 x 1/2 in. (6 x 1.3 cm)