



Pendant

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

jade

Description

This perfectly matched set of pendants combine the inherent power of jade, a substance that the Maya believed to convey life force, with the dominance represented by a jaguar’s claw. They are an excellent example of the way the natural world was appropriated as a metaphor for royal power by Maya kings and queens.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 5/8 × 3/8 × 1/8 in. (4.1 × 1 × 0.3 cm)