



Bottle

Date

1460-1532

Primary Maker

Chimú-Inca

Medium

pottery and slip paint

Description

This naturalistic cloven llama hoof stirrup-spout bottle probably represents the foot of a llama, a beast of burden and source of wool. Appearing at the base of the spout is the characteristic step symbol which represents terracing, and is an emblem of pyramids, a symbol of royal authority. The Chimú resided on the desert coast of Northern Peru, and so had engineered an aqueduct system to transport water from the mountains.

Dimensions

Overall: 7 7/8 x 4 1/4 x 5 1/4 in. (20 x 10.8 x 13.3 cm)