

Basic Detail Report



Plaque

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

greenstone

Description

This portrait of a high-ranking ruler with large earflares may be incomplete as it shows very little sign of wear. Greenstone and jade jewels such as this were believed to hold the regenerative powers of maize and were worn by elites to indicate their rank.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 7/8 x 1 5/8 x 3/8 in. (4.8 x 4.1 x 1 cm)