

Head of a Kushan ruler

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.: **6335** 

Type: **sculpture**

Date of production: 2nd c. A.D.
Mathura art

Place of production: **India**

Materials: **red sandstone**

Techniques: **carved**

Dimensions: height: 18 cm
width: 12 cm
depth: 10.5 cm
2.42 kg

Mathura was the dominant center of Indian plastic art, using the characteristic yellow spotted red sandstone for its basic material. The city was the capital of the Kushan Empire (1-4th c. A.D.). The male head fragment wears a tall helmet-like headdress that looks foreign to Indian culture and is a typical Kushana wear. In front of the headdress, a human head can be seen in a halo.

