


# 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.

