

# Eye plaque with hollow decoration

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	259 
Type:	religious or cult object; jade; stone carving
Date of production:	5th–3rd centuries BC Zhou dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	jade
Dimensions:	width: 3.3 cm length: 6.6 cm

Belief in afterlife already existed in the ancestor worship of the Shang period. Jades promising eternal life were placed on the deceased because of the belief in the perennial nature of the stone.

