

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.

