

Basic Detail Report



Mirror

Date

475-221 BCE

Medium

Bronze

Description

This object is a bronze mirror from the Warring States period (475-221 BCE). Although it may be hard to imagine

due to its current state of oxidation, the smooth reverse side of this object was once polished so finely that one could see their reflection in the bronze. Bronze mirrors date to approximately the beginning of the Zhou dynasties and were used in daily life as well as rituals. This mirror has a knob centered in a square field and surrounded by four angled mountain (shan) symbols. The design was pervasive throughout China, especially in the central Yangzi River basin and the Chu state.

Dimensions

1/4 × 5 1/2 in. (0.6 × 14 cm)