



Cauldron (Ding)

Date
770-256 BCE

Medium
Bronze

Description
This object is a lidded cauldron (called Ding) made during the Western Zhou dynasty. These cauldrons were historically used in rituals and to cook and serve meat on

special occasions. In the Zhou dynasty, high ranking officials used ding to record special occasions by casting Chinese characters directly onto the bronze vessels.

Dimensions
13 × 15 × 15 1/2 in. (33 × 38.1 × 39.4 cm)