

Basic Detail Report

**Title**

Scholar's rock

Date

2nd Millennium

Dimensions

H: 7 3/8 in. (18.7 cm); W: 10 1/8 in. (25.7 cm); L: 17 7/8 in. (45.4 mm)

Medium

Found stone, on a carved wood stand.

Classifications

Sculpture

Credit Line

Gift of the Popplestone Family

Object number

2006.133

Collections

Sculpture

Label Text

By the time of the Song Dynasty (960–1279) in China, small rocks with interesting shapes had become an appropriate object for display in a scholar's study. Though they were sometimes shaped by an artist, the most admired stones were those that had been artfully eroded by time, wind, and water. Such stones were seen as embodying nature's transformational forces.

Not On View