

Basic Detail Report



Polar Bear Effigy

Date

A.D. 100-600

Primary Maker

Ipiutak

Medium

Walrus ivory

Description

Hunters carried small figures like these during the hunt to receive aid from the game spirits. The bear's power and might is embodied in its bared teeth, laid back ears and the massing of its body. The carver's interests seemed to lie in creating a smoothly finished yet powerful bear.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 3/4 × 1 3/4 × 4 5/8 in. (4.4 × 4.4 × 11.7 cm)