



## 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)