Ritual Vessel (Ding)
Unknown Chinese

Chinese, Eastern Zhou dynasty, early 5th century BC
Bronze, vessel: 15 3/4 x 21 7/8 x 18 in. (40 x 55.6 x 45.7 cm)
lid: 3 5/16 x 18 1/4 in. diameter (8.4 x 46.4 cm)

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Online Resources:
Hirsch Library Online Catalog
The Metropolitan Museum of Art Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History

Articles: (full-text access available on-site; off-site access available through your school library or Houston Public Library)

Print Resources:
Max Loehr and the Study of Chinese Bronzes
Cast for Eternity
Chinese Bronzes
Chinese Bronzes from the Meiyintang Collection
Art in China
Bibliography

General Surveys of Art


Chinese History


Chinese Arts


Similar Bronzes


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- Bronze, Chinese --To 221 B.C.
- Bronze, Chinese
- Bronze, Ancient --China
- China --History
- China --History --Zhou dynasty, 1122-221 B.C.

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