



Lintel 24

Date

600-900

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Plaster

Description

This is a plaster replica of Yaxchilan, Lintel 24. It depicts King Itzamnaaj Balam III, also known as Shield Jaguar, and his wife, Lady K'ab'al Xook (Lady Xoc). He is holding a flaming torch over her while she pulls a thorny rope through her tongue, an example of a sacrificial ritual performed by Mayan nobles. Her blood is represented with scrolls around her mouth and spots on the bark paper in the basket at her feet. The glyphs above date the

event to October 24, AD 709 and identify the figures, while their detailed garb and headdresses display their high status.

Dimensions

Overall, Frame: 49 x 35 x 3 3/4 in. (124.5 x 88.9 x 9.5 cm)