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Roman Oil Lamp: Cuttlefish

An ancient Roman large pottery oil lamp with an image of two cuttlefish in the center discus.

Ca. 50 - 100 AD.
Length: 5 in. (13 cm).

A full lamp of this type would burn for two or three hours.

cf.: D. M. Bailey, A Catalogue of Lamps in the British Museum, Vol. III, Roman Provincial Lamps, (London, 1980), no. Q2439.

Formerly in a New Jersey private collection.

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