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“Too long have I hunted mammoth alone!”

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Atlatl From Peru

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Here's some pics from Annie and my trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio, this summer.

Also, this is what was written on it:

Spear Thrower, 200 BC –AD 200

South Coast, Peru, Late Paracas or early Nasca Style

Bone, Hematite, Cotton Thread, Sinew

The Norweb Collection 1940.507

Spear throwers improve a spear's range and thrust. The spear was placed against the stone pivot and hurled using the thumb rest, carved as a figure with a skeletal chest, back-bent head, and a severed human head at its rear. This figure, frequent in art, is not well understood, but its appearance here suggests a connection to death. The shaft's carving makes clear use of the bone's marrow cavity.


