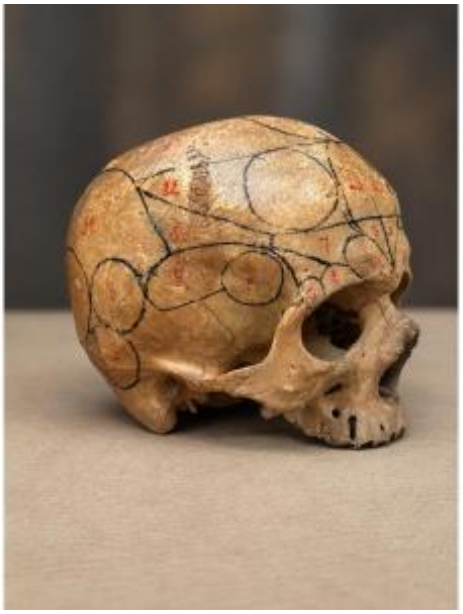
Phrenological Study Skull, 19th Century



5 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bone

Width : 15 cm

Height : 19 cm

Description

As a testament to the history of science in the 19th century, this object illustrates the development and spread of the phrenological theories of Franz Joseph Gall and his successors, notably Spurzheim.This human skull features a phrenological map painted directly onto the skull: black lines delineate different cerebral zones, while red numbers identify specific regions. The numbering is repeated symmetrically on both sides of the skull. This theory sought to establish a link between the shape of the skull and intellectual faculties or character traits. The various painted zones corresponded to the brain's supposed faculties. This rare skull was likely used as a study aid.Good condition.Origin: most likely European, possibly French.Period: 19th century.Provenance: cabinet of curiosities, Metz,

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