



Hacha

Date

ca. 900-1200

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

granite

Description

The hacha is one of the implements associated with the Mayan ballgame. This hacha stylistically comes from the Pacific Coast of Guatemala and might represent an abstracted representation of the head of God C, the Death God, since the ballgame often ended with a ritual death or sacrifice. It is possible that the hacha served as a moveable marker to indicate where the ball had come to

rest.

Dimensions

Overall: 9 5/8 x 7 7/8 x 1 1/4 in. (24.4 x 20 x 3.2 cm)