



Eccentric Flint

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

flint

Description

Three faces or profiles can be seen in this exceptional example of flint knapping. Master artisans crafted objects

such as these, called eccentrics because each one is unique, from chert and flint found in the Maya Mountains. These objects were mounted on a wooden staff and carried in royal processions; they were never meant to be used like other flint tools such as projectile points. Later they were deposited in royal tombs and caches.

Dimensions

Overall: 6 x 7 x 5/8 in. (15.2 x 17.8 x 1.6 cm)