



Figure

Date

ca. 300 BCE-300 CE

Primary Maker

Mezcala

Medium

greenstone

Description

This human figure illustrates the schematic characteristics typical of the Mezcala style. The head is oval with barely delineated facial features. Both arms and legs have been cut into the stone in a deliberately simple way. Hundreds of human figurines such as this one, made from highly prized greenstone, were found in the different construction stages of the Templo Mayor in the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan. Their careful positioning facing south and their distribution on several stone offering boxes have led scholars to suggest such figures illustrate the significance of the rich Guerrero region for the economic and political success of the Aztecs.

Dimensions

Overall: 5 1/2 x 2 1/8 x 1 3/8 in. (14 x 5.4 x 3.5 cm)