

Basic Detail Report



Labret

Date

ca. 1350-1521

Primary Maker

Aztec

Medium

obsidian

Description

Ornaments such as this obsidian labret, or lip plug, were worn as status markers by Aztec elites and played a key

role in rites of passage. Thin obsidian earspools, labrets, and lip pendants indicated the wearer's position, wealth, and even age. This perfectly preserved labret is typical of many that have been found in burials and caches.

Dimensions

Overall: 3/8 x 1 x 3/8 in. (1 x 2.5 x 1 cm)