



Knife or Spear Head

Medium

Obsidian and pigment

Description

One of 25 Pre-Columbian West Mexico obsidian spear points. The use of obsidian was pervasive throughout Mesoamerica as in the rest of the world. Already by the 12th Century groups in Michoacán had perfected the art of producing weapons from obsidian cores. This volcanic

glass spear point would likely have been used ceremonially or possibly as a hunting knife, or socketed into weapons like the macuahuitl and spears. Immensely sharp, these chipped volcanic glass blade would have been incredibly effective at cutting.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 3/8 x 6 1/2 in. (3.5 x 16.5 cm)