

Basic Detail Report



Mask

Date

ca. 250-550

Primary Maker

Teotihuacán

Medium

serpentine, shell and obsidian

Description

This mask retains stone and shell inlays that accentuate the eyes and teeth. Large black pupils made of the volcanic stone obsidian animate its appearance in a manner that sets this mask apart from the other two examples in the exhibition. The oval form of the face and

arched eyebrows lend a gentler overall appearance but the strong nose remains a prominent feature, as in all the Teotihuacan masks. The great ritual power of these objects is exemplified within this mask, which vividly preserves a living and expressive appearance.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 1/2 x 7 5/8 x 5 1/4 in. (21.6 x 19.4 x 13.3 cm)