

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Hand Axe

**Artist**

Unidentified, Upper Paleolithic Period

**Date**

Upper Paleolithic Period (40,000-10,000 BCE)

**Dimensions**

4 1/2 in. (11.4 cm)

**Medium**

flint

**Classifications**

Utilitarian Objects

**Credit Line**

Gift of Edward Drummond Libbey

**Object number**

1906.207A

**Collections**

Decorative Arts

**Label Text**

Carefully chipped from larger pieces of flint, hand axes are among the earliest objects made in Egypt. Nomadic hunters in the Paleolithic Period used these hand-held axes as their principal tool. Pointed axes served as weapons to kill and butcher game.

**Not On View**