

Strigil



Date	Possibly first to third century AD
Material	Bronze
What is it for?	Scraping off oil and dirt from the body
Where is it from?	Unknown
What does it say?	Text THMPN

More information:

- The inscription is very small and difficult to read. It is almost certainly a maker's mark but it is difficult to tell exactly what THMPN stands for.
- Strigils were an important part of Romans' daily washing routines - they would rub olive oil into skin and then scrape it off with the blade of the strigil
- Strigils were particularly associated with athletics because of how dirty people would get while exercising.

Topics to investigate: Roman bathing and grooming ;Athletics and exercise culture in ancient Rome.