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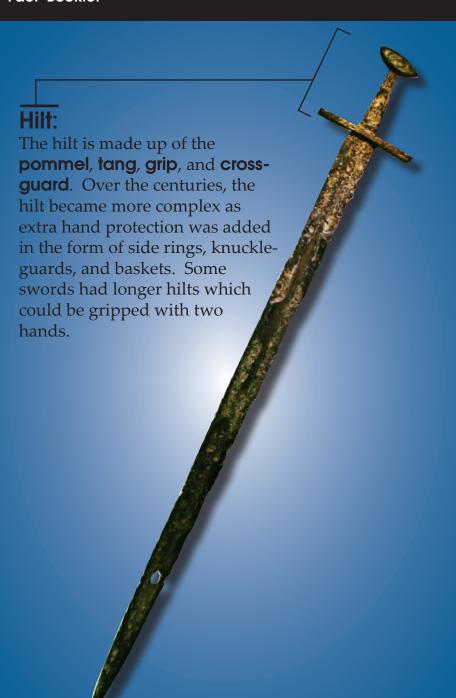


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# Pommel: Metal weight attached

to the end of the tang to balance out the blade.

#### Tang and Grip:

The tang is the portion of the blade which extends into the hilt. A wooden grip is constructed around the tang and then wrapped in leather or another material. The grip on many medieval swords has rotted away, leaving the tang exposed.

#### **Cross-Guard:**

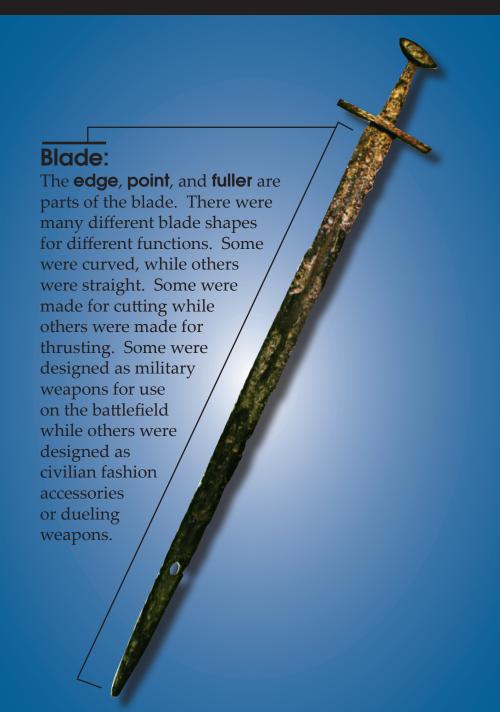
Prevents an opponent's sword from sliding down the blade and injuring the wielder's hand.



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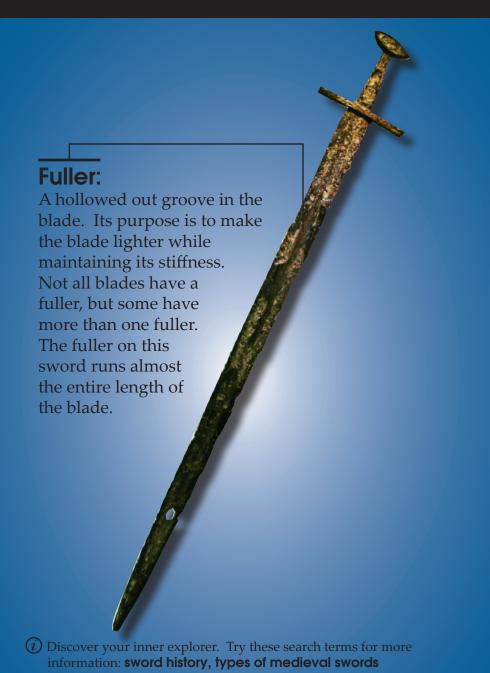
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## Edge: The part of the blade sharpened for cutting attacks. Blades may have been sharpened on one or both edges, depending on the type of sword. Point: The part of the blade used for thrusting attacks. Some types of sword were used only for thrusting rather than cutting.



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