
Spanish Middle Age Art





Some Context

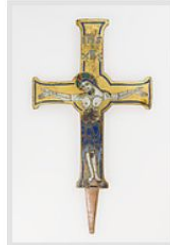
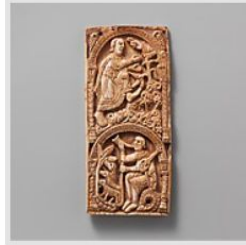
About A.D. 500 the Visigoths made their way into the Iberian Peninsula and supplanted the existing Roman polity. Their metalwork and sculpture give a sense of the dislocations of this transitional period. Just some two centuries later the Visigoths were themselves displaced by Muslims who moved from North Africa.

Despite centuries of conflict and turmoil, the inhabitants of Spain — Christian or Muslim — left a splendid legacy of artworks.

Some Examples - and most of these are metal works



What Do You Notice About These Artworks? Most of these are golden plaques and panels



Have You Ever Seen Art Like This?



These are Manuscripts -

Manuscripts that survive from the European Middle Ages are generally religious books that reflect the canon, doctrine and practices of Christianity, though there are Jewish and Muslim books and other types of books that survive from this time period as well.

