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I chose to visit a Vietnamese restaurant because of my recent business ties to a great Vietnamese woman. We share many conversations and I am exposed to a lot of her culture through our conversations. I also chose this restaurant because I am going to surprise her on her next visit by taking her here. It will be a joy to eat with her in her cultural environment and not have to ask her for a suggestion. My wife and I visited Pho Dai Loi in Forest Park Georgia. We went around lunch time and I was pleasantly surprised to see so many different ethnicities inside. During a conversation with an African American male while waiting in line I discovered that this place was quite popular. This place is known for its Pho soup. It is a soup of mostly broth with Pho noodles, meat, onions, mushrooms, and green vegetables. I noticed most of the employees were speaking in their native languages and sent only those that spoke English to take our order. They suggested the Pho special that included 2 meats (pork and roast beef). It also came with a side of Jalapeno peppers, lime and sprouts to add if you like. Some people were eating with traditional chopsticks fluently and some not so good. I think the atmosphere motivated you to at least try to eat the noodles with the chopsticks. Our order came and it was hot and the noodles were cooked perfect. However, it had a bland unseasoned taste. This was foreign to me because of my African American culture that takes pride in seasoning everything. The overall experience was great and I could feel the spirit of the Vietnamese culture from Forest Park Georgia.