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Museum Visit #1

The history of the American Indian museum dates back to 1989 when it was founded by George Heye. George Heye started collecting Native artifacts and stored them in the Museum. The museum is located in lower Manhattan where the historic Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House was once located. There were a lot of pieces that stood out to me, but one thing that stood out to me the most was the staff, they informed me of the events that took place there, such as the Native music, dances, and elderly displaying their knowledge, and just a way for the community to engage in the Native history. Although the staff was very inviting I still felt challenged to find out certain information. What I mean by this is the deeper facts behind this museum, not just the known facts everyone knows of that are common. Nevertheless, my overall experience was great, I enjoyed going to view this museum and getting an interpretation of how the Native Americans once lived their lives and how they fought so solely to protect

each other. I hope to continue to gather more information about this culture and how it impacts them in today's society.