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El Museo Del Barro

El Museo was created by Raphael Montaez Ortiz and many others. It all started due to the lack of representation in the community. The main goal of this museum is to shed light on Latino culture and celebrate the beauty of the culture. In addition, the purpose of this museum is to strive to increase representation and invite those who may not know about the culture to learn more and gain insight. During my time there, the main thing that stood out to me was the depiction of the art. Before visiting this museum, I did not do any research so that I would be able to walk in with an open mind and learn more. When I had arrived, the art had really shocked me. One thing that stood out to me was **The Burden of the Guilt created by Tania Bruguera**. At first glance, I was a bit surprised to see a woman holding the remains of an animal that had been killed. I was a bit taken back and surprised, but after reading up on the topic I realized the meaning behind the portrait. I realize that Miss Bruguera was referencing a group of Indigenous Cubans who had participated in the act of collective suicide by ingesting soil rather than being subjected by Spanish colonizers. Not only did this stand out to me the most, but it made me realize the lengths this group must have gone through to have felt the need to end their life. This topic really challenged me because it made me think of the reality and the impact this group (along with many others) went through when the place they called home was being seized. In my opinion, the staff represented the topic very well. When I was making a payment, both workers at the front desk looked like they were from Latino decent. They also had traditional

music playing in the background and I watched as they were enjoying the music and humming while I was filling out my payment information. All in all, I am grateful to have had this opportunity to learn more about this museum and gain insight in yet another culture. Below is an attachment of pictures from today 😊!