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El Museo Del Barrio

1. What is the history of this museum, and what was the reason it was placed in this community?

The Museo Del Barrio is one of the museums that talks about the Latino community and the culture in countries like Puerto Rico. The purpose of this museum is to teach other people about what Latinos are like and what countries they come from. This museum has been open since 1969 and is very popular in New York City. Many schools or tourists visit this museum to learn more about the culture of Latinos. In this museum, you can hear many stories about people who traveled to the United States. To give a better future to their families.

2. What stood out as most prominent among the museum's exhibits? What made this the case for you?

One of the works that stood out the most for me was the one with the green and yellow bananas. This work reminded me a lot of my country, Ecuador, which is known as one of the countries that export a large number of plantains to the United States. This work is demonstrating how Puerto Rico is an island, it also has a large production of plantains and they are very famous for them. Another of the works that caught my attention was the one with the United States flag that

is divided into four spaces and a large plane in the middle. This is referring to the fact that many Latino people travel to the United States in search of freedom or a better future for their families. This has been seen in many Latin American countries where people travel for better economic status and better life opportunities.

3. Do the staff represent the topic or group of people exhibited in the museum? Why or why not?

One of the people I met at this museum is Susanna who has worked at the museum for several years. She is very proud to work in this museum because she is Latina and I want other people to learn more about the culture. She told me that many people go to this museum without knowing that Latinos are kind people and that we have different cultures in different countries.

4. What is something you learned or was challenging to you about this visit?

In this museum, I felt very identified for the reason that I am Latina. For me, it was something that I liked because more is being taught about our culture. One thing that caught my attention was a cart with glass bottles on top that had fruit flavors. This particular car I thought was just a tradition from my country but it was not. In many countries, this type of shaved ice or ice cream car is used. I was able to learn that we as Latinos will always have a very similar culture, which is why we are unique.