

HUM-131-01

Fall 2023

September 14, 2023

Jeromy Alexander

Statement of Intent

Being aware that I will be writing a Cultural Event Essay as the final assignment for this class, I had first considered a City Council meeting, intent to observe public comments as an artistic form of public speaking. To avoid bias, I think that study might be better done over time so that patterns and tendencies could be noted as a conversation on any given topic continues over time. Though I could likely write a sufficient piece from memory, that does not fit well for this. Next, I considered that I should attend an event that I may not otherwise find on my calendar. To that end, with a quick look at the community calendar... and I found that the 2023 Jackson Hispanic Heritage Festival would be occurring this weekend on Saturday from Noon to 9:45pm in Horace Blackman Park, in downtown Jackson. From a Facebook post, <https://www.facebook.com/events/horace-blackman-park/2023-jackson-hispanic-heritage-festival/271781318979719/>, the event has attracted over six hundred and fifty responses as the event claims to be a "Cultural celebration with food, music, and vendors, and community resources." In my search I had also found and began to view the website for the Detroit Institute of Art, as I will be in Detroit tomorrow afternoon. Yet, being a static exhibit I believe that would be more indicative of a past culture, as contrasted with the participating in a modern and present day celebration of a living culture. Also, I can always visit the Institute another time. Although I am familiar with the hispanic culture as it represents a portion of my own heritage, it has been some time since I have attended any events in that particular community. I think by choosing the Hispanic Heritage Festival I will have an opportunity to both attend and support a local event in a community that is important to me, and also experience a culture through it's food (beer,) and music while earning college credit.