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Integrative Seminar 2

Killer Heels.

As soon as I got off at Eastern Parkway, a huge museum building was greeting me. I always loved Brooklyn because it had a different atmosphere than Manhattan. I was surprised there was such a huge museum in one of my favorite places, Brooklyn.

When I got into the museum, I found some heels from the middle age to the futuristic heels that were inspired by modern architectures. There were a wide variety of heels, which I've never seen before. From oriental cultures to western cultures, from old to new. One of the most interesting things was that there was a video for each section when the category and era of the heels changed. It helped me to understand the deeper meanings of those heels and the rest of the exhibition. Why they were produced, when and where they were worn by which people in the era. After getting inspired by the videos, I started to imagine who wore the heels, what facial expression she was making, where she lived. Some of the heels were piled high one over another and they resembled magnetic stratum from another planet, some of the heels resembled celadon and white porcelain from ancient China. There were high heels that were from high fashion brands such as Christian Louboutin, Miumiu, Roger Viver, Dior, which was really impressive that they had all those old collections in one exhibition.

I found some heels that were loved by celebrities as well. There were platform shoes that were worn by Marilyn Monroe and Lady Gaga. It was about thirty centimeters, with miniature figures on it, exotic but fresh(new). Moreover, there were some heels that are from fairy tales and legends from different cultures such as crystal shoes from Cinderella and carved wood heels that were worn by Taoist fairies in ancient China's fairy tales. If you are interested in fashion, you must have been impressed by the materials they're made of. They used variety of materials

such as wood, plastic, glass, fur, pottery, lacquer bamboo, net, wire, plexiglass and so on. This experience helped me to broaden my my thoughts and perspective toward the fashion world.