

## Multi-cultural workshop

### Petaluma Art Center

We visited the Petaluma Art Center in the multi-cultural workshop class.

The purpose of visiting there was to learn more how to celebrate the day when a person died. In the Art Center, there were many altars, and I felt sadness about dead people. Also, on the altars, we could see many ceremonial objects like candles, dead person's items, flowers, and skeleton figures. Especially, there were many skeletons, so I thought skeleton is really significant symbol for them. Moreover, we learned every item has special meaning. For example, candle represents the person has dead because the flame is fragile. Additionally, there are similarities between Hispanic culture and Japanese culture because I found the "bodhisattva figure" there. Therefore, I was really surprised about that because bodhisattva is only Buddhism's symbol. In brief, I could learn new many new things about celebration with dead person in the Hispanic culture. If I have more chances to visit such an art center, I want to go there.