

Artist Statement Prompt – 350 words

Write a 350-word artist statement about the person you honored with your portrait pot, inspired by Roberto Lugo. Explain your artistic choices and the meaning behind your work.

- 1. Who and why:** Say who the person is (someone you know, a historical figure, or a cultural icon). Explain why they matter to you and how they shaped your identity, values, or perspective.
- 2. Portrait design:** Describe how you represented the person on the pot. Explain any simplifications or stylizations you used for the curved surface. Describe symbols, patterns, or text you added and what each one means.
- 3. Form and viewing:** Explain the pot's shape and size and why you chose them. Describe how the form supports your message and how the design wraps around the pot from different angles.
- 4. Color and surface techniques:** List colors and surface methods (underglaze, carving, slips, glazes, etc.). Explain how these choices highlight meaning or focus attention.
- 5. Connection to Roberto Lugo:** Explain how your piece mixes personal storytelling with traditional ceramic forms. State the message you want viewers to take away.

Write clearly, use specific details, and show your creative process and the deeper meaning behind your piece.