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Claim:  My claim is that my picture is a reflection of my “Beloved Guatemalan Community.”
Evidence:  My evidence of my “Beloved Community” is my picture shows a visualization about my community’s history of challenges and successes. We, the immigrants, are the fallen soldiers. We, the immigrants, are needing to separate our families to be safe from the pandilleros (gangs). We, the immigrants, are needing to overcome the pesadilla (nightmare) of the journeys we’ve been through as we ride “La Bestia” (train) north. We, the immigrants, find the Promised Land here in the United States.

Justification: My evidence supports my claim because my picture shows my “Beloved Community.” We can overcome our wounds in the heart by Creating a new “beloved community,” even though the gangs took our dreams and the gangs destroyed our families. We shall overcome all obstacles… to build another beloved community.