

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Founding of a Nation



MONDAY

Arrive in Washington, DC
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Group Orientation
Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and get to know your Close Up Program Instructor

Introductory Workshop*
What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?

Founding Documents Activity & Workshop

Learn about our founding documents and the events and people that led to their creation

** Workshops are small learning communities comprised of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up Program Instructor for the duration of the trip.*

***Study Visits led by highly-trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.*

Sample schedule subject to change.

TUESDAY

Depart for Williamsburg, VA

Williamsburg Study Visit
Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history and learn about 18th-century life through explorations led by Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters

Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg

Historic Colonial Exploration

Walk in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and George Wythe

Visit the Capitol—the seat of Colonial Virginia's power

Sit in the pews of **Bruton Parish Church** where George Washington worshipped

Discover the crafts of **Colonial America** with visits to trade shops like the apothecary and blacksmith

Dinner in Williamsburg

Federalism Workshop
What is the proper balance between federal and state authority?

Depart for Washington, DC

WEDNESDAY

Depart for Philadelphia, PA

National Constitution Center
Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

Lunch at National Constitution Center

Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District
Find yourself surrounded by American history

Independence Hall: Visit the birthplace of our nation

Liberty Bell: Visit the iconic symbol of American Independence

Congress Hall

President's House: Discuss the irony of slavery during America's early years of independence

Dinner in Amish Country

Close Up taught me how important it is to be an active citizen!

— Chris, Student, CA

THURSDAY

Depart for Gettysburg, PA

Gettysburg Cyclorama
Experience the Battle of Gettysburg through a dramatic sound and light program that is represented in a 360 degree cylindrical painting

Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War Study Visit and Lunch
Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

Historic Battlefield Tour
Journey your way through the Battle of Gettysburg and learn more about the turning point in the Civil War with a Gettysburg Park Ranger

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Site
Reflect on the importance of one of America's great speeches

Depart for Washington, DC

Dinner in Pentagon City

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop
Set goals and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

FRIDAY

Mount Vernon Study Visit

Tour of George Washington's Mansion
Explore the home, gardens & farms of his riverside estate

Visit the Museum and Education Center
View an array of artifacts and learn more about the first president of the United States

Group Photo

Lunch & Exploration in Old Town Alexandria
Walk the cobblestone streets of this historic port city

Depart for Home

EXTEND YOUR STAY!

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Visit other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.