

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

What can we learn from history to help us become more effective citizens today?

Washington, D.C. & Williamsburg

SUNDAY



Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Hotel check-in

Welcome dinner

Meet peers from schools nationwide

Orientation

Create-a-Government workshop



Meet & greet social activity

MONDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

Travel to Jamestown/ Williamsburg



Explore the Jamestown Settlement

Time Warp Activity: Prepare for Colonial Williamsburg

Lunch in Jamestown



Visit Colonial Williamsburg: Experience 18th-century life led by Williamsburg's own historical interpreters

Return to Washington, D.C. for dinner

TUESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

FDR & Jefferson Memorial study visits



Lunch & museum study visit at Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Capitol Hill: An inside look at how Congress works

Explore the Capitol Hill Visitor Center & Museum

Visit the Supreme Court & Library of Congress

National Archives study visit

Dinner at Pentagon City

White House photo-op & Lafayette Park visit

Times of Crisis workshop: Prep for the next day in Washington, D.C.

D.C.'s Signature Night Monument Tour

WEDNESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

War Memorials study visit: Korean, Vietnam & World War II

Walk the National Mall

Lunch at Union Station

Lincoln Memorial study visit: Discuss Lincoln's role in the Civil War & Martin Luther King's Jr's speech

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JFK & Challenger Memorial

Neighborhood study visit: Explore some of D.C.'s unique neighborhoods

Dinner at Bucca Di Beppo



Mock Congress Workshop

THURSDAY

Hot breakfast buffet



Ordinary Citizens in History workshop & Citizenship Send-Off activity

Smithsonian Museum Exploration:

- Visit the American History and Air & Space

- The National Mall

Museum lunch

Depart for home

Study visits led by our highly-trained instructors give students unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms. Workshops and seminars reinforce this learning and help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.

Sample schedule