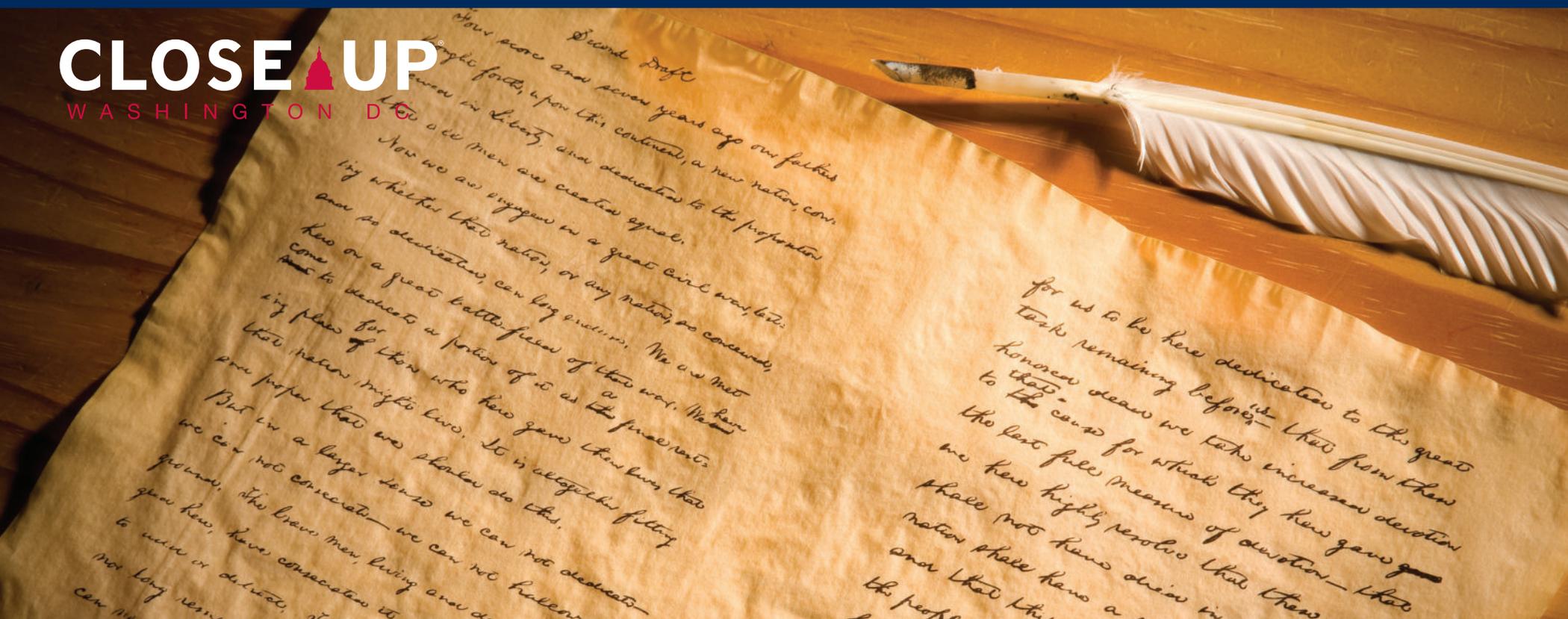




# CLOSE UP

## FOUNDING OF A NATION PROGRAM

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WASHINGTON DC



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Close Up's Founding of a Nation Program complements middle school curriculum by bringing students to many of the historic sites that they read about, learn about, and discuss in their classrooms. With **45 years of experience** partnering with schools across the country, Close Up provides **impactful, hands-on programs** for students. Close Up is the nation's leading nonprofit, civic education organization that educates and inspires young people to participate in their government, become leaders in their communities, and gain a more thorough understanding of American history and government. More than **850,000 students and teachers** from around the world have participated in our experiential education programs—and many more have experienced Close Up's balanced, comprehensive approach to **civic education** through our classroom resources and publications.



“  
*Close Up was one of the most wonderful and eye-opening experiences of my life! Close Up engages you in a way that the classroom cannot.*

”

– Sarah, Student, CA



# MONDAY

## Arrive in Washington

### Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up Instructor

### Introduction Workshop\*

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

### Dinner & Exploration in Old Town Alexandria

Walk the cobblestone streets of this historic port city

### Founding Documents Workshop

Explore the origins of our democracy

### Social Time

Get to know your new friends

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

\* 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

## Hot Breakfast Buffet

### Transfer to Historic Williamsburg, VA

### Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit\*

Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history

### Governor's Palace

Explore the site that became the home to Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and seven royal governors

### Historic Printing Press

Watch tradesmen print 18th-century documents and learn how the printed word shaped ideas of colonists

### Revolutionary Reenactments

### Tavern Lunch

Dine in one of Williamsburg's rustic taverns

### Explore Colonial Williamsburg

Link the past and present through a guided study visit led by Williamsburg's own Historical Interpreters

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

### Travel to Washington, DC and Dinner

### Federalism Workshop

What is the proper balance between state and federal government?



# WEDNESDAY

## Hot Breakfast Buffet

### Travel to Philadelphia, PA

### "Freedom Rising" and Independence Study Visit

Explore cutting-edge, historical perspectives on the Constitution to life

### Lunch at The Bourse

### The Liberty Bell

See an iconic symbol of American freedom

### Historic District Walking Tour

Independence Hall: the birthplace of our nation

Benjamin Franklin's home: the birthplace of America's first president

### Explore Congress Hall

### Washington Square and the American Revolution

Visit the famous memorial to the American Revolution

### Dinner in Amish Country

Enjoy an evening in the heart of Amish Country



# ESDAY

PA  
**National Constitution Center**

hands-on exhibits that bring

f American independence

**g Workshop**

Visit the birthplace of

**Office:** See the beginnings  
public postal service

all

**d Tomb of the Unknowns**

monument to soldiers who fought in

on

ry

the Amish countryside

# THURSDAY

● **Hot Breakfast Buffet**

○ **Travel to Gettysburg, PA**

● **Gettysburg Cyclorama**

Experience the Battle of Gettysburg through a dramatic sound and light program that is as tall as a four-story building

● **Lunch and Museum Study Visit**

Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

● **Gettysburg Battlefield Study Visit**

Walk your way through the Battle of Gettysburg and learn more about the turning point in the Civil War with a Gettysburg park ranger

● **Gettysburg Address Site**

Reflect on the importance of one of America's great speeches

○ **Transfer to Washington, DC**

○ **Dinner at Pentagon City**

● **Citizenship Send-Off Workshop**

Reflect on what you have learned and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

# FRIDAY

● **Hot Breakfast Buffet**

● **Mt. Vernon Study Visit**

● **Tour of George Washington's Mansion**

Explore the home, gardens, and farms of George Washington's riverside estate

● **Visit the Museum and Education Center**

View an array of artifacts and learn more about the first president of the United States

○ **Depart for Home**

“ *Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything, and I will never forget this trip!* ”

- Michelle, Student, AZ

*“Close Up is an amazing way to discover new places, learn about the government, and understand how we can change the world.”*

*— Joseph, Student, MN*





# THE CLOSE UP EXPERIENCE

The Close Up Founding of a Nation experience puts you in the center of the action in many of our country's great historic sites—Williamsburg, Alexandria, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. Using these cities as a living classroom, you will discover all the significant events that have shaped our country and its people from its founding to today!

*Picture yourself traveling through time as you explore the world's largest living history museum and roam through the streets of one of America's oldest cities. Imagine tracing the steps of our nation's first president as you walk around his majestic estate, and then discovering the legacy of the country's founding documents through a visit to the birthplace of America.*

On Close Up's programs, you will have these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities and get inspired as you explore famous landmarks, world-renowned museums, and hallowed institutions that define our past and present. Even if you have visited these places before, your experience with Close Up will be unlike any other.

Close Up allows you to build lasting connections between your classroom and American history. We ensure you have the safest and most memorable experience possible through our all-inclusive package that includes travel, lodging, 24-hour supervision, and access to medical care. During our fast-paced, interactive programs with Close Up's highly-trained instructors, you'll participate in thrilling and unforgettable activities as you take in all that these cities have to offer!

## You will:

- Make **lifelong friendships** as you **exchange ideas** with students from around the nation;
- Explore the homes, gardens, and marketplaces in America's most historic and well-preserved example of **colonial government and culture**;
- Discuss the events that have shaped our world through visits to must-see sites including **Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell**;
- See the **legendary battlefield** that marked the turning point of the Civil War;
- Debate and discuss the life and legacy of the **Father of Our Country** through an inside look at his mansion, and so much more!



“Close Up was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for my son and has made a lasting impression on his life!”

— Robin, Parent, TX

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### GET STARTED TODAY!

Talk to your Close Up teacher and get your Participant ID and Password to enroll in this amazing opportunity!

We're always here to help!

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