



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.



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*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 history, from the Constitution to life today

Lunch at The Bourse

The Liberty Bell

See an iconic symbol of American history

Historic District Walking Tour

Independence Hall: Birthplace of our nation

Benjamin Franklin's home: One of America's first public libraries

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

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e 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!



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— Robin, Parent, TX

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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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