# **CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - FOUNDING OF A NATION PROGRAM**



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**

Examine the origins of our democracy

#### **Founding Documents Workshop**

Take a look at how the **Declaration** of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights impact America today



**Depart for Colonial Williamsburg** 

**Program Instructor-Led** Williamsburg Study Visit\*\*

#### **Historic Tavern Lunch**

Dine in one of Williamsburg's rustic taverns located in the heart of the **Revolutionary City** 

### **Explore Colonial Williamsburg with 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

**Dinner in Williamsburg** 

**Depart for Washington, DC** 

#### **Federalism Workshop**

What is the proper balance between federal and state authority?



**Depart for Philadelphia** 

### **National Constitution Center Study Visit**

Experience cutting-edge, hands-on exhibits that bring the Constitution to life

**Lunch at National Constitution** Center

# **Explore Independence Park and** Philadelphia's Historic District

Visit the birthplace of our nation at Independence Hall

Discover the role of the printed word in the American Revolution at the **Printing Office** 

See the **Liberty Bell**, a symbol of freedom and justice

Visit Congress Hall, the home of Congress from 1790-1800

**Depart for Lancaster, PA** 

# **Dinner in Amish Country**

Enjoy an evening in the Amish countryside



**Depart for Gettysburg** 

#### **Gettysburg Cyclorama**

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

# **Gettysburg Museum of the Civil** War Study Visit and Lunch

Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

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

#### **Historic Battlefield Tour**

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

**Depart for Washington, DC** 

**Dinner at Pentagon City Mall** 

#### Citizenship Send-Off Workshop

Identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community



**Mount Vernon Study Visit** 

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

Explore the home, gardens, and farms of his riverside estate

**Group Photo** 

#### Visit the Museum and Education Center

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

#### **Lunch & Exploration in Old Town Alexandria**

Walk the cobblestone streets of this historic port city

**Depart for Home** 

Sample schedule subject to change.

\*Workshops are small learning communities made up 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.

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