

We invite you and your students to embark on a virtual field trip to the United States capital. This four-day adventure takes you inside our most popular attractions. Mix and match activities or explore the entire city with your class.

There is so much to see!





# **TOUR THE MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS**

- Learn about the monuments and memorials with the National Park Service (NPS)
- Walk around the National Mall with the NPS app
- Explore the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and more with <u>360-degree</u> <u>videos</u>
  - ASSIGNMENT: Take the quiz

# **ENJOY FREE TIME AT SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS**

# NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

- Watch a video on the Wright Brothers and the invention of the airplane
- Explore the Wright Flyer in 3D
  - ASSIGNMENT: Play Engineering the Wright Way
- Choose a <u>STEM in 30</u> video
  - o ASSIGNMENT: Create a 3-slide presentation about what you learned
- Other <u>resources</u> to fly through



#### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

- Smithsonian Science How webcast: Mass Extinction-Solving the Dinosaur Mystery
  - ASSIGNMENT: Complete the worksheet
- Other resources to dig into

#### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

- Online exhibit: The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag that Inspired the National Anthem
  - ASSIGNMENT: Take the quiz on the War of 1812 and get a personalized certificate

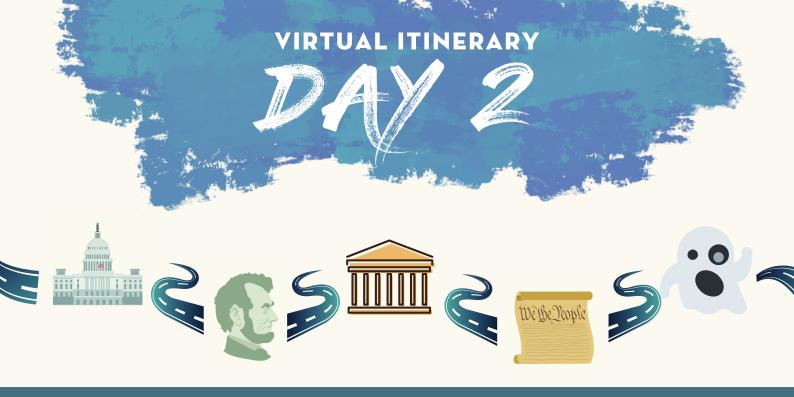
#### **NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY**

- Digital workshop: Grid drawing <u>video</u> and <u>lesson plan</u>
- Virtual exhibit: America's Presidents
  - ASSIGNMENT: Worksheet: 7 Ways to Look at a Portrait



# SNEAK AROUND THE INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

- Watch "Spy From Home" episode 1
  - ASSIGNMENT: Crack a top secret code
- Spy on other lesson plans and activities



# **VISIT THE U.S. CAPITOL**

- Step into the U.S. Capitol with a guided virtual tour
- Learn the fundamentals about Congress
  - Read "House of Representatives and Senate: What's the Difference?"
  - Visit the Visitor Center's <u>Emancipation Hall</u>
  - ASSIGNMENT: Complete the <u>U.S. Capitol activity guide</u>
- Explore the National Statuary Hall <u>State Statue Guide</u>
  - ASSIGNMENT: Write 1-2 paragraphs about why a person from your state is commemorated
  - ASSIGNMENT: Design a statue

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## **EXPLORE FORD'S THEATRE**

- Join a <u>virtual tour</u>
- Get the facts about <u>Lincoln's Assassination</u>
  - ASSIGNMENT: Narrative writing lesson



## VIEW THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

- Hear about the only <u>Leonardo Da Vinci</u> painting in the Americas
  - <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>: Create a <u>self-portrait</u> and explain why it reflects you
- Sketch out lesson plans with more <u>resources</u>



#### DIG INTO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

- View the Rotunda's founding documents of America
- Read the <u>Declaration of Independence</u> transcription
- Learn about a <u>Founding Father</u>
  - ASSIGNMENT: Sign the <u>Declaration of Independence</u>



#### FRIGHT ON A GHOST TOUR

• Explore the most haunted places in DC



# REMEMBER HISTORY AT THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM



- Take a virtual tour
- Listen to an <u>oral interview</u> with a Holocaust survivor
- Watch the video "Early Warning Signs"
  - ASSIGNMENT: Worksheet and answer key

# HONOR FALLEN SOLDIERS AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



- Understand cemetery history with the "Inside These Hallowed Grounds" video
- Watch the <u>Changing of the Guard</u> at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
  - Go behind the scenes with the <u>Old Guard Sentinels</u>
- ASSIGNMENT:
  - Discover <u>notable graves</u>
  - Choose a notable person and write a paragraph on why they were given the honor of being buried at Arlington National Cemetery



# LEARN ABOUT THE PRINTING PRESS AT THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

- Watch "Lonesome Curator: Gutenberg 101"
- Review the Library of Congress Gutenberg Bible
  - ASSIGNMENT: Create your own letter decoration for the Gutenberg Bible



## FEEL THE BEATS OF 'BLACK BROADWAY' AT BEN'S CHILI BOWL

- Watch a video on the history of the <u>iconic restaurant and U Street</u>, once known as 'Black Broadway'
- Take an <u>audio</u> or <u>self-guided</u> neighborhood tour with Cultural Tourism DC
- Make your own half-smoke at home
- Listen the late Chuck Brown play Go-Go, the official music of Washington, DC





## **VISIT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON**

- Step inside the first president's home on a <u>virtual tour</u>
- Explore with the estate's <u>Adventure Map</u>
- Play "Be Washington" to test your skills as a leader
  - ASSIGNMENT: Play "Who Am I?" and record your score



# **EXPLORE THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MUSEUM**

- Take a virtual tour of "Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall"
- Sign up for a LIVE <u>Explorer Classroom</u>
- ASSIGNMENT: Grab your family and explore your yard with <u>Backyard Bioblitz</u>
- Create your own adventure through plentiful options for classroom resources



# **VISIT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO**

- Visit the National Zoo during a <u>Highlights Tour</u>
- Delight and take notes of animal behaviors on many animal webcams
  - ASSIGNMENT: Complete the animal activity packet



#### TAKE IN A SHOW AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

- Catch a digital stage performances on the Millennium Stage
- Take a <u>Virtual Dance Class</u> and show your classmates your skills
- Explore the theater's Hall of Nations with the world's impact on music

