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was the Lincoln Memorial. Having read about it many times, seeing it was really cool. Another amazing one was the Roosevelt Memorial. I really liked that there was many stages to the monument dedicated to the different stages of his presidency. I also really enjoyed going the World War II Memorial at night. It was breathtakingly beautiful. All the monuments and memorials are so important in DC. I was glad that I got the opportunity to experience them.



### Transportation

By Aiden Lee

Our eighth grade field trip was an amazing experience that our class enjoyed. We visited different museums, memorials, and many other sights. None of that would have been possible without transportation. Our coach bus made carrying luggage and transporting a large party of people to different places in the most convenient way. One of my only concerns was the weather and temperature outside. Despite the heat, the A/C was perfect on the bus and the delivery time was very prompt and consistent. Overall, I am very glad that we had our bus and that we got to make great memories even as we traveled.

### Visiting Monuments

By Christian Lee

A main attraction in DC is the great monuments. While there we saw many of the iconic American statues. One of my personal favorites

### Great Food

By Elijah Nelson

The DC trip was spectacular overall, but the food was my favorite part. I truly enjoyed our continental breakfast at the hotel. Eating out for dinner was also great because it is something I rarely get to do. Eating all meals out for three days was a dream. My favorite meal was the rice and soft taco buffet at Chevy's. The food was exquisite and very filling. The DC trip had lots of delicious options that I could not turn down.

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### National Museum of African American History and Culture

By Emerson McKindra

On the first day of our trip a group of us went to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. We spent four hours at the museum and we barely scratched the surface. Two of my favorite exhibits were pop culture and sports. The pop culture exhibits featured the life and legacy of some of the most influential rappers in the 90s. The sports section has many superstars such as Michael Jordan and Lebron James, who I aspire to be like. Going to this museum really gave me a deeper understanding of my people and their culture, and it only increased my racial pride.

By Matthew Nelson

On the first day of our DC trip, we visited the Museum of African American History and Culture. Only a select few chose to go to this museum for four hours, while the rest of the group chose to spend time at another museum before joining us. The first three levels of the

museum, which were below ground, were about the earliest years of African American history. There we walked through the days of slavery all the way through segregation in the mid-1900s. At the top three levels we got to walk through more recent years of history and culture. These floors included exhibits of modern African American actors, hip hop artists, musicians, and even government officials such as Thurgood Marshall and Barak Obama.



### Air and Space Museum

By Joshua Peter

On our DC trip we went to the Air and Space Museum. Although some of the exhibits were closed, we enjoyed the ones that we did get to see. We got to walk in a space craft, see capsules that brought man to outer space, and see a few of the earliest planes ever to fly. After seeing these exhibits, we went to the gift shop where we saw mini models and replicas for sale. We also got to buy freeze dried astronaut ice cream enjoyed.

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### **Making Memories**

**By Saketh Koduri**

Though we had a limited time in DC, we made sure to maximize the fun times we got. The first day we played virtual Uno and were obsessed. The second day we got to go play in the pool, and the third day we had fun on the bus. These are memories we won't ever forget.

### **Museum of the Bible**

**By Lydia Raj**

The Bible Museum was definitely one of the most interesting, captivating, and eye-opening attractions on our trip. Its extravagantly designed exhibits were a sight to see. One exhibit that stood out to me was the interactive walk-through of the Old Testament. Each room of this "show" was creatively decorated to fit the theme of the book that was being explained. From a jungle hallway to a bright rainbow room, we enjoyed each part of it, and most importantly, we learned a lot.

### **The New Testament**

**By Andrea Samson**

Out of all the places we visited while in DC, the museum I loved the most was the Museum of the Bible. My favorite part was video about the New Testament. For the first part of the video they showed John's writing scripture. They then showed a video about the birth of Jesus with John's voice in the background saying, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." It literally took you through the whole New Testament, and it showed how the "church" began. I was so moved all the things that happened that caused Christianity to come to be.

### **An Artistic Culture**

**By Genesis Rodrigues**

My favorite part of DC was seeing the artistic culture all around. I really enjoyed the section at the Museum of African American History and Culture that was devoted to the arts. There were large rooms dedicated to the evolution of music. It paid homage to some of my favorite artists such as: Whitney Houston; Louis Armstrong; Earth, Wind, and Fire; and countless others. We also got to experience bands playing music in the street and dancers performing by the White House. It was so cool to see how people can express themselves through music.