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Flight Day – 4/10/22

After the 4.5 hour flight, we took the metro to the Hilton Hotel to drop our luggage off in our new rooms.



After that, we voted to walk around *Lafayette park*. We took pictures in front of the *White House* and we got to see their Secret Services working! We saw a Ukrainian protest as well.





Flight Day – 4/10/22



WWI Memorial (we saw baby ducks!)
We noticed that lots of steps are incorporated in DC's memorial architecture.



After the long flight and exploration day, we were all starving. Because the famous Ford's Theater was right next to the restaurant, we had to stop by! Then, we walked to Hard Rock Cafe to eat dinner.

Monday, April 11, 2022

We woke up, had breakfast at the hotel, and went to the *National Zoo!* There were a lot of different exhibits with live animals, displays, and facts. We then left to go eat Firehouse Subs in a lawn next to the **Smithsonian Nature Museum**. Right after that, we walked right next door to the **National Archives**. We got in line to see the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. Unfortunately, pictures were not allowed while catching a glance at these amazing documents.



Monday, April 11, 2022

After the National Archives and a hotel break, we were getting hungry. We walked to Uno's Pizzeria, where we got pizza, pasta, and a brownie dessert.

We then walked to the **9/11 Pentagon Memorial**, where we saw a list of 184 names carved neatly into a huge stone plaque. There were wave-like statues with water underneath to symbolize every person who passed in the horrible 9/11 plane accident. Fun fact: If the opening of the wave was facing the pentagon, then that person died while inside the building when the plane crashed. If it was pointing opposite, then that person was in the plane.

After looking around, we went to the hotel to sleep.





Tuesday, April 12th

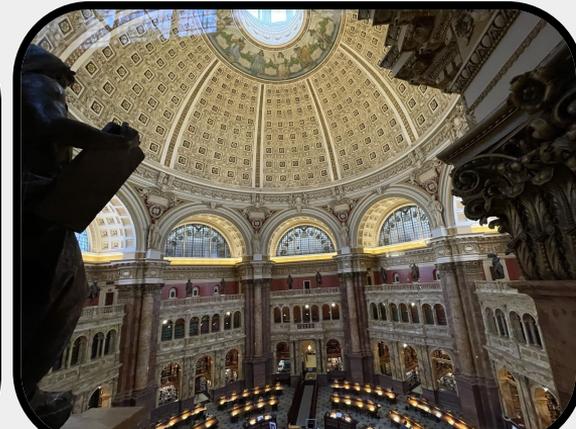
We took a shuttle to the famous *Arlington Cemetery!*
We met our tour guide, Mike, who told us many interesting and educational stories.
There were thousands and thousands of headstones and decorations for the one buried there. We also got to experience the changing of the guard. After the morning of exploring Arlington, which got our feet very tired, we got lunch at the Ronald Reagan Food Court, then went to the Library of Congress.





Tuesday, April 12th

At the **Library of Congress**, we learned that we needed a specific, expensive pass to get into the actual library itself. After walking around the library, we went to the hotel to rest. After that, we met Mike again to tour the Lincoln memorial, Washington Memorial, WWII Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and a Vietnam Veterans Memorial sculpture.



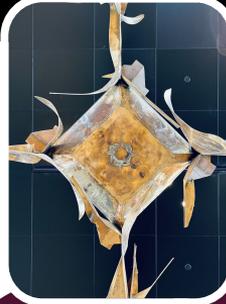
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After breakfast, again, at the hotel, we went to **Washington's Mount Vernon**. We explored George Washington's old mansion and his huge outdoor backyard, as well as some of his slave's rooms. Some of us also made our way to Washington and his wife's tomb. We got lunch there with food vouchers and then proceeded to a few museums.



Wednesday, April 13th

The museums we visited were the **NMAAHC** (the National Museum of African American History and Culture) and the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History**. We learned about how African Americans lived and were treated, and lots of other interesting facts about our own country's history! We left to rest at the hotel, then got dinner.



HIRING AMERICA'S FIRST SPY

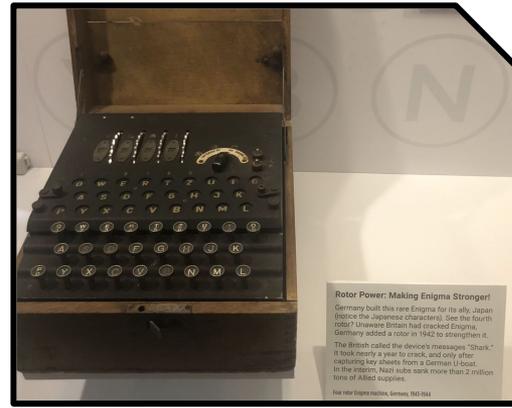
In this letter, General Washington offers Nathaniel Sackett \$30 a month (more than \$1,000 today) to spy for the Continental Army, plus another \$500 to set up a spy network.

To Mr. Nathaniel Sackett:
Sir,

The advantage of obtaining the outfit and true intelligence of the designs of the enemy, the good character given of you by Colonel Duar added to your capacity for an undertaking of this kind have induced me to entrust the management of this business to your care till further orders on this head.

For your care and trouble in this business I agree to let out of the public to allow you Fifty Dollars pr. Calendar Month and hereunto give you a warrant on the Paymaster Genl. For the sum of Five hundred Dollars to pay those whom you may find necessary to employ in the transacting of this business, on acct. of the disbursements of which you are to render to me.

Given under my hand at Morristown this 4th day of Feb., 1777
George Washington



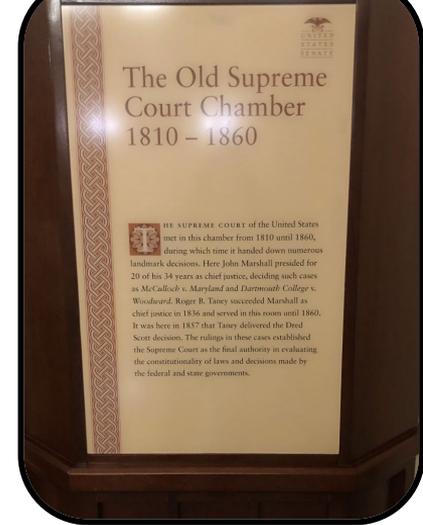
Rotor Power: Making Enigma Stronger!
Germany built this rare Enigma for its ally, Japan (to use the Japanese characters). See the fourth rotor? Unaware Britain had cracked Enigma, Germany added a rotor in 1942 to strengthen it.
The British called the device's messages "Shark." It took nearly a year to crack, and only after capturing key abets from a German U-boat in the Atlantic. Nazi subs sank more than 2 million tons of Allied supplies.
Four rotor Enigma machine, Germany, 1942-1944.



Thursday, April 15th

Time to become a spy! At the International Spy Museum, we each got a new disguise and cover for a cool mission they assigned us. Throughout the museum, we had to use clues that real spies would have used to complete our mission, like finding safe houses, protected an eye witness, and more! After that was lunch at the Union Station.





Thursday, April 15th

After lunch, we walked to the *Capitol Building*! There, we met another tour guide who showed us around. We saw many statues of very famous people who helped shape the US to be what it is today. We saw an assortment of art displays in the hallways, many fragile chandeliers, and much more! Then, we went to the *Holocaust Museum*. We read about and saw displays on how the Jewish people lived during the horrible Holocaust. After that, we visited the *Jefferson Memorial*, and hid from the pouring rain in the gift shop. We cleaned up in the hotel and went to have dinner with our old friend, Ms. Foy, from Arborland!



Flight Back – 4/15/22

After another 4.5 hour flight, we got our luggage at LAX and left to go rest at home!



Reflection

This DC trip was amazing! We learned a lot of fun facts and made lots of new, exciting memories with our classmates. For future students who are going on another DC Trip, I recommend that you take as much notes down, so it'll be easier to write your own reflection as well.

Fun Fact #1: Abraham Lincoln's father did not support Lincoln reading books and getting an education. He hit Abraham once when he caught him reading a book about Washington.

Fun Fact #2: On the back of Lincoln's head (in Lincoln's Memorial), some say that you can see former General Robert E. Lee sculpted in his hair.

THANK

You!

