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### **The American Presidency**

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This outstanding title deserves a place in any library. With its extensive coverage and visual look at all of the U.S. presidents including Barack Obama, this attractive volume serves a wide range of uses at a very affordable price. The volume opens with an introduction and overview of the duties and responsibilities of the president, followed by entries for each of the 44 presidents in chronological order. The strength of the work lies in its overall format and organization. Each two- to four-page presidential profile includes an overview paragraph, signature, biographical sketch, summary of major events and achievements while in office, retirement, and a sidebar of the First Lady. Color photos, graphics, and timelines pull readers into the balanced, well documented text. Appendices provide additional information about the election process and a chart of the results, the Cabinet, the White House, and the presidential flag and seal. This title is a one-stop source for student research. American history teachers will find it indispensable in preparing lessons.

**Highly Recommended.**

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