Although many paths may lead to the presidency of the United States, the most common job experience, occupation or profession of U.S. presidents has been that of a lawyer. This sortable table enumerates all holders of that office, along with major elective or appointive offices or periods of military service prior to election to the presidency. The column immediately to the right of the presidents’ names shows the position or office held just before the presidency. The next column to the right lists The American Presidents book. Read reviews from world’s largest community for readers. Just in time for the Presidential elections comes this comprehensive...Â Start by marking “The American Presidents: From Washington to Clinton” as Want to Read: Want to Read saving… Want to Read. Currently Reading. Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover. President’s Day is one of those weird American holidays where no one quite knows why it’s there or what it is, but it’s a day off so no one asks too many questions. The holiday kind of celebrates Washington’s birthday (February 22), kind of celebrates both Washington and Lincoln’s birthdays (Feb 22 and 12), and kind of celebrates all 43 presidents all at once. In any case, it seemed like the perfect time to research presidents for 60 hours and post a 7,000-word, 30-hour-late post diving into who each American president really was and what he really did. (My apologies to all non-American readers.)