For each of the economic indicators below, complete the following:

1. Access the indicator web site per the instructions listed below.
2. Fill-in the questions (highlighted in red) for each indicator.
3. Rate each indicator (circle Positive, Neutral, Negative).
4. Total your ratings at the bottom of document.
5. Write a one paragraph analysis of the current state of the economy.
6. GDP – Google “Current GDP Bureau of Labor Statistics”

Current quarter GDP % change = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate GDP as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. CPI –Google “Current CPI Bureau of Labor Statistics”

Change over the last 12 months = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate CPI as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. PPI – Google “Current PPI Bureau of Labor Statistics”

Final Demand Change over last 12 months = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate PPI as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. CCS – Google “Confidence Board Consumer Confidence Index”

Current Index =

**Rate CCS as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. CES – Google “CES Bureau of Labor Statistics”

What is the current (non-farm) unemployment rate = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate CES as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. Retail Sales – Google “Retail Sales Census Bureau”

 What is the current month Advanced Monthly Sales % change = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Retail Sales as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. Housing Starts – Google “New Residential Construction Census Bureau”

What is the % change in Housing Starts **year over year** = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Housing Starts as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. S&P 500 – Google “S&P 500”

What is the current index = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Review the graph for **one year** and rate the S&P 500.

What was the index one year ago \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate S&P 500 as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

**Total ratings from above**

**# POSITIVE =**

**# NEUTRAL =**

**# NEGATIVE =**

Based on your ratings for the indicators, summarize in one paragraph your opinion as to the current state of the economy. Reference data from above in assembling your answer.