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

1. Access the indicator web site per the article.
2. Follow the instructions listed below for each indicator to access the data.
3. Fill-in the questions (highlighted in red) for each indicator.
4. Rate each indicator (circle Positive, Neutral, Negative).
5. Total your ratings at the bottom of document.
6. Write a one paragraph analysis of the current state of the economy.
7. GDP – Select the Data icon at the top, then byTopic.Review current quarter data and historical data.

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

Review the graph.

**Rate GDP as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. M2 - Select Current Release menu selection towards top of screen, on left side and review. Scroll to bottom of screen and note the % change of M2 for 3,6 and 12 months

Is the Money Supply increasing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Money Supply as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. CPI – Select CPI News Releases on left, then HTML and review 12 month change

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

**Rate CPI as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. PPI – Select PPI News Releases on left, then HTML and review final demand change for the current period

% change = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate PPI as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. CCS – as selected

Current Index =

Expectations Index =

Present Situation Index =

**Rate CCS as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. CES – Select CES News Releases on left, then HTML and review

What is current unemployment rate = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scroll down to paragraph on hourly earnings.

What is current average hourly earnings = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Over the year what is the % change in hourly earnings = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate CES as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. Retail Sales – View Advance Monthly Retail Trade Report and select PDF.

What is the current month % change = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the total % sales change for year over year = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Retail Sales as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. Housing Starts – View New Residential Construction and select PDF and go to Housing Starts

What is the % change in housing starts year over year = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Housing Starts as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. Manufacturing – View Latest Monthly Reports, select PDF.

Inventory to Sales Ratio

Measure the efficiency of your inventory by calculating the inventory to sales ratio. In general, you will want to keep this ratio low. If the ratio rises, it indicates either that your sales are falling or that you are keeping too much inventory on hand. (Chron)

What is the Inventory/Sales ratio for the most recent period = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-

Review the Inventory/Sales graph

**Rate Manufacturing & Inventories as**

**Positive Neutral Negative**

1. S&P 500 – Google "S&P 500", select Year to view data for one year.

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

Review the graph for one year

**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.