Interest Group Research Project

For your assigned interest group, research the following topics/questions:

1) What current issues is your group concerned with?
Find information on what issue(s) your interest group has been involved with most recently.
   ● What are some examples of some recent legislation your group supported or opposed?
   ● What actions does your group take to try to influence policy and the public agenda? Give specific examples: (example- use of the media, lawsuits (litigation), direct lobbying, public information contributions, etc.)
   ● Which parts of the government does your group target? (Executive branch departments and congressional committees)

2) What is the group’s political ideology?
   ● Does it favor one political party over the other? If so, does it have a history of supporting certain political candidates?
   ● What is it doing to support their favored candidates? Make the connection between their political ideology, the legislation they support, and the party they support. If you believe your interest group is neutral, say so. Many interest groups are neutral. If so, then….
   ● Discuss the main issue(s) that your group is concerned with.
   ● Look for news articles that mention your interest group - use (cite) the information you find to show how your group is trying to influence policy making.

3) Assess your group - How effective is it in achieving its agenda?
Use specific examples demonstrating their effectiveness/lack of effectiveness.

FINAL PRODUCT
Create a 2 page (minimum – double spaced) report on your interest group (follow the 3 section format described above)

Include a Bibliography of the resources you used to obtain information – include the interest-groups website in your entries