At home, please research an interest group of your choosing. Be sure to include the information below and be ready to share with the class.

| **Name of Group:** | National Education Association (NEA) |
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| **Overview of Group:** | Largest labor union in the United States  Represents teachers and support staff including at universities and colleges |
| **Historical Time Period:** | Founded 1857 |
| **Key Figures:** | Current President: Rebecca Pringle  First President: Zalmon Richards  Notable Member: Jill Biden (First Lady) |
| **How did this group shape public policy?** | Advocated starting the Department of Education at the national level  Joined in fighting for women’s suffrage  Wage increases  State pensions  Lobbied for passage of the Civil Rights Act  Lobbied for the G.I. Bill  Lobby for changes to No Child Left Behind  Started Read Across America Day |

