

Appendix B – Usability Test Tasks

Task 1

You need to decide on a research paper topic for an American history class and you're considering writing about Mark Twain, but you realize you've never actually read any of his work. Use HathiTrust Mobile to find a book by Mark Twain published between 1870 and 1879, the decade you're most interested in covering for your paper.

Task 2

You've just located a Mark Twain book that you're interested in reading, but you doubt you'll be able to read it in time to use it for your paper—you'd prefer to find a hard copy of the book in a nearby library so you can read it over the summer when you have more free time. Use HathiTrust Mobile to find a hard copy of the book at a library within 5 miles of your current location.

Task 3

You are interested in exploring a potential new hobby—shipbuilding. You decide to search HathiTrust for a guide to historical shipbuilding. Conduct this search using HathiTrust Mobile, and then use filters to locate a handbook on shipbuilding that was published in the early 1920s. Skim through the first couple pages of the first chapter in order to confirm that this book is what you are looking for.

Task 4

Now that you have located your shipbuilding handbook, you want to look specifically at information on your favorite side of the boat, the starboard side. Conduct a search within the document to locate document portions in which “starboard” is mentioned. Visit the first search result and read the first paragraph that mentions “starboard.”

Task 5

You're also interested in finding information about the tools used to repair ships in the early 1900s, but you're not sure where this information would be located in the shipbuilding handbook. Go to the book's table of contents, locate the chapter on shipyard tools, and go to the first page of that chapter.

Task 6

You decide you'd like to have the shipbuilding handbook you've located on hand so you can reference it later, but you're worried that you won't be able to access it if your network connection is slow or unavailable. Download the book in EPUB format so you can access it later.