Visual-Spatial Usability Test Worksheet

Directions
This usability test will ask you to perform a series of tasks and to evaluate specific areas of the site, including the navigation, interface, graphics, content, and function. For each section of the test, you will be asked to perform a task that requires an answer. You will have approximately five minutes to complete the task and record your answer. The testing proctor will record the time. After completing the task, you will be asked a series of questions related to your experience in using the site to complete the task. In answering these questions, consider all aspects of the site, including navigation, interface, graphics, content, and functionality. These terms are defined below to familiarize you with their specific meaning.

Navigation
The links, search utilities, and toolbar menus used to search and browse the site.

Interface
The layout, grouping, and alignment of elements on pages that make up the site.

Graphics
The use of graphics, colors, styles, and other visual information in the site.

Content
Textual and graphic information found in the site.

Functionality
The operation of links, buttons, and media used in the site.

Task No. 1
[Insert question here]

Questions
- What navigation tools did you consider using to answer the first question and which tool(s) did you actually use?
- What elements did your find your eye focusing on most?
- Which visual elements most influenced your choice of navigating the site?
- Which visual elements did you eventually ignore and why?

Task No. 2
[Insert question here]

Questions
- What elements did you focus on that helped you search and browse the site?
• What methods of outlining content helped you make choices of what to read and what to click on?
• What elements did you focus on that seemed distracting or not useful?

**Task No. 3**
[Insert question here]

**Questions**
• What elements on the home page and in the site helped you understand the organization of the site content?
• As you followed links through the site, how were you able to find more specific information?
• What methods might make it easier to find content?

**Task No. 4**
[Insert question here]

**Questions**
• Describe shapes or icons that you found in the site and their meaning.
• Were these shapes or icons useful in helping guide your actions or understanding of site content?
• How did these shapes affect your reading, searching, and browsing decisions?

**Task No. 5**
[Insert question here]

**Questions**
• What stylistic or visual elements were used that helped you understand the overall layout or organization of the site?
• What elements were used repeatedly throughout the site to help you navigate or understand how the site was organized?
• What were specific benefits and limitations of the site layout that helped and/or hindered your overall understanding of the site?