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P1 Checkpoint 1: 3 Ideas and Descriptions

**1. History of cats in the Navy**

- a. Cats have a close but often understated relationship with the Navy. Historically, cats were used as a method of rodent control on ships. In ancient Egypt, cats were also used to help catch birds along the Nile. In the early 20th century, they were even used as recruiting tools, luring young men into joining the navy with their cuteness. Although cats serve a less practical role on ships nowadays, they remain popular mascots and symbols of good luck on modern sea-fairing vessels. If I chose this topic I would like to create an interactive page where users could explore the cat-navy relationship at specific points in time and/or in regards to specific ships.

**2. Process of setting up to do Chinese calligraphy**

- a. One of the most important parts of Chinese calligraphy actually takes place before the actual action - that being the setup. It is imperative to have the correct setup prior to ensure the correct techniques are used while performing the writing act. However, the setup requires more attention to detail than one might think. My goal with this topic would be to provide a step-by-step guide on how to get ready to do Chinese calligraphy.

**3. Process of rebinding a book**

- a. TikTok has allowed for communities of book lovers to connect in ways never seen before. One of those ways is through the re-binding of readers' favorite books. Book rebinding involves discarding the current front and back covers of a book (often one that was a paperback) and manually cutting and gluing a new cover onto it (often a hardcover made from panels of cardboard and cloth of the person's choice). Book rebinding allows readers to personalize their favorite books - it makes for a fun and satisfying activity. If I chose this topic for my P1, I would provide the steps to rebinding a book.