APPENDIX G: Ebook Vendor Features - Comparison

	Netlibrary	Questia	Ebrary	Boox24x7	Ibooks.com	ITKnowledge
Portable Format						
Not hardware specific	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Able to use the text in other applications	YES	YES	YES (for a fee)	YES	YES	YES
Offers versatility in access options - online, download to computer and/or handheld device, dedicated reader	YES (to PDA via peanut press books?)	??	YES	YES	NO	NO
Technology/Interface						
No bandwidth issues	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Users can read without being online	YES - with NetLibrary eBook Reader	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
ADA compliant	??	??	??	??	??	??
Complete and helpful documentation (point of use help, tutorials, etc.)	YES	??	??	YES	YES	YES
Content ("true to the original")						
Include all charts, figures and illustrations include color	NO	??	YES (uses PDF)	YES??	YES (charts seem to be low quality)	YES
Where applicable, display pages with original page numbering	NO	??	YES (uses PDF)	NO ??	NO ??	NO
Navigation Tools						
ToC and index linked to text	YES	YES	??	YES	YES	YES
Page forward/back feature	YES	YES	??	YES	YES	YES
"Jump to" page feature	YES	??	??	NO	NO	NO
Browse capability (text, toc, index)	YES	YES	??	YES	YES	YES
Delivery Options						
Download	YES	??	YES	NO	NO	NO
Email	NO	??	??	YES	YES (email bookmarks to you or others ??)	NO

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					colleagues)	
Usage Functions						
Print (variety of print options: one page, many pages, specify range of pages and high quality print)	YES (simple printing only)	??	YES (pay to print single and/or range)	YES (simple printing only)	YES (simple printing only)	YES (simple printing only)
Copy to clipboard	YES	??	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tools/Services						
Advanced search capabilities (truncation, Boolean, fielded, proximity, etc.)	YES (Boolean, fielded, proximity and command line search, e.g., au Dante)	YES (fielded; not sure of other search capability)	??	YES (Boolean, fielded, proximity)	YES (Boolean, fielded)	YES (fielded - date only)
Search Results - highlight found terms in context	YES	YES	??	YES	YES	NO
"Highlight" Text	YES - with Netlibrary eBook Reader	YES	??	NO	NO	NO
Annotations tools (add "post-it" type notes/comments)	YES - with Netlibrary eBook Reader	YES	??	YES (but only one comment for the entire book)	NO	NO
Allow for zooming; increase font size	YES - with Netlibrary eBook Reader	YES	??	NO	NO	NO
Interactive dictionary	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
thesaurus	NO	YES	??	NO	NO	NO
Produce citations and a bibliography in the format of the user's choice	YES - with Netlibrary eBook Reader	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ability to place a "bookmark" in a book	YES	YES	??	NO	NO	NO
Additional Desirable Tools/Services - link to associated information:						
Author biography	NO	??	??	NO	NO	NO
Book reviews	NO	??	??	NO	NO	NO

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Citation indexes (e.g., Web of Science)	NO	YES - link to works owned by Questia that cite the work being viewed	??	NO	NO	NO
Other works by the author	NO	YES	??	NO	NO	NO
Cited source (e.g., from footnotes)	NO (they are in negotiation with EBSCO to provide links)	YES - to those in Questia Collection	??	NO	NO	NO
Library System Requirements						
Integration with local system e.g., links from OPACs	YES??	??	??	??	??	??
Where applicable, integration with current and future library services (e.g., update)	??	??	??	??	??	??
Provide MARC record	YES	??	??	YES	??	??
Provide complete and easily accessible (e.g., via the web) usage statistics	??	??	??	??	??	??
Other Features						
	myebooks - track checked out books	*Link to "related works" *create Margin Notes *look up term(s) in encyclopedia *My Folders - create own folders to store bookmarks, citations, margin notes	*use ebrary's InfoTools(TM) to obtain instant definitions, explanations, translations, biographies, and map locations. *Pay to have documents printed on-demand and delivered.	My Bookshelf (receive notification about new books, change display format)	My Ibookshelf	