

## Evaluating Apps

**Title:** Brain Pop

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected</li></ul>	x		Yes, we watched videos and took quizzes
Did the software crash?		x	No, there were no lags and it did not crash.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		Most of the content would be great for 3rd grade, it covers; science, social studies, english, math, art/music, health, and technology. Several aspects do meet the needs and standards of a third grade classroom.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Color, items on screen, sounds .....</li></ul>	x		Yes, the screens were colorful and bright, enough to keep a third grader captivated. It did have sounds that are appropriate, like for the videos or when a student

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			answers a questions correctly/incorrectly.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		Yes, each subject had its own tab, then each tab had its own sub-units, along with movies. While in the subject, you can hit the back arrow to go to the homescreen.
Is it easy to learn?	x		Yes, students should already have a general knowledge of the subjects. App usage is simple, students click on the subject, then the sub-units, and learn more about the selected unit through notes or videos, then a quiz.
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	No, students should be able to operate the app without direct supervision. However, if the teacher wants them to learn

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			about specific subjects, they would require direction.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		Yes, it was appropriate. When answering the quiz, the students will receive a sound and animation accompanying each question. This lets students know if they were correct or incorrect.
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, do they enhance instead of detract?</li> <li>• If not, should there be?</li> </ul>	x		The app had sounds and animations when students would answer a question correctly or incorrectly. It also allowed students to watch educational videos on the subject instead of just reading about it. Therefore engaging different kinds of learners.
Did you like using the App?	x		Absolutely, it allowed students to learn more about a

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			subject in a fun way, while also testing their new knowledge through a quiz.
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If so, was it enough</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	x		<p>For single users: We downloaded the free "explore" version, which allows 4 videos and quizzes per day. We believe that would be enough.</p> <p>There is a subscription option that is \$2.99 a month to have unlimited access to all 800+ quizzes and videos.</p> <p>For schools: \$1795/annually for unlimited access through school site at home or in classroom.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, what were the additional costs?</li> </ul>	x		<p>It does have the option to upgrade to unlimited access, which prompts after you have reached your free video or quiz limit. The unlimited access is \$2.99 a month.</p>

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How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			We felt like it was the most user friendly quiz app, at least for our grade level. The other apps were geared more towards an older audience, this app was meant for elementary students.
Additional Comments			Overall, it is a great app that we felt appropriate for classroom use. It would easily be worth paying for the subscription.

### Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject Matter appropriate?</li> <li>• Educational Focus?</li> <li>• Provides for Learning New Content?</li> </ul>	x		Subject matter was appropriate, it had lessons for all elementary grade levels. The focus depends on which subject is chosen; math, science, social studies, english, art/music,

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?</li> </ul>			health, or technology. The app does update with new, more current quizzes and it would fit into several academic standards.
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does it match individual's abilities?</li> <li>Does it meet individual's needs?</li> </ul>	x		It gives the opportunity to engage different types of learners and meet their needs; like hands-on, visual, oral, etc. It is also easy enough for third graders to use.
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bias?</li> <li>Commercialism Comments</li> </ul>		x	No, it provides a very culturally unbiased view, allowing students to learn more and embrace other cultures. Among those are Americans, Hispanics, African-Americans, Aztecs, Greeks, Egyptians, Chinese, etc. It did not contain any commercialism comments, very education driven.