

Evaluating Apps

Title: Encyclopaedia Britannica

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	x		Yes, we participated in quizzes, searched for different information, looked at the "on this day" events, everything worked correctly.
Did the software crash?		x	The app worked properly without any issues.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		Yes, the content was educational. It could meet the teacher's needs in order to have students look up more information on a subject, or potentially take a quiz.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Color, items on screen, sounds	x		They were generally basic, but there were some colors. It did not make sounds, but it did have pictures to accompany

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			articles and quizzes.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		Yes, the main page consisted of a search engine, browse by letter section, my britannica (a collection of viewed and saved articles), events from that day in history, quizzes, and recently viewed.
Is it easy to learn?	x		It was pretty simple and straightforward.
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	No, students should not require supervision to use this app. Unless the teacher wants them to go to a certain section and they need guidance.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		Yes, the app required select responses when taking quizzes in order to actively participate.

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<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 		x	<p>The app really didn't contain bells/whistles. But they weren't really necessary for the information given.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	x		<p>We enjoyed using the app for the information provided and trying to beat the last quiz score.</p>
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 	x		<p>There was the option to upgrade for more content and activities. The lite version we downloaded seemed to be more than enough to use in the classroom.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	x		<p>\$1.99 for additional, specific content. \$14.99 for a years subscription to view over 65,000 articles ad free.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>It is similar to</p>

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			quizlet in the fact that it also has specific subject/lesson related quizzes. It also provides additional information like BrainPop, but it is not as "kid-friendly".
Additional Comments			Overall, we enjoyed this app. It could have a lot to offer as a tool in the classroom. However, it is geared more towards an older audience.

Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? 	x		Appropriate subject matter is available, and the app is definitely geared towards education. It provides enough information for students to learn new content, while

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 			also providing the option for students to learn about the subject, then test their knowledge.
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does it match individual's abilities? Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		It provides a hands-on experience for students while also giving them information to read themselves and quizzes to test their knowledge. We believe that this would meet the standard needs of most students.
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bias? Commercialism Comments 		x	There are no comments geared towards commercialism, and the app does not appear to be biased towards any social, cultural, or political platform.