

Evaluating Apps

Title: Padlet

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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		Padlet is a blogging tool. Padlet lets you put together photos, videos, creations, etc. To make a "Padlet." On Padlet there is a ClassKit which allows teachers to check student progress while creating their personal padlets.
Did the software crash?		x	No problems with the software
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		A padlet can be created in a variety of forms, docs, videos, text, etc. We believe that a 3rd grade student would be able to easily create a padlet over any subject unit discussed in class.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	x		There was a multitude of different colors

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			<p>within the app and everything was easy to read. Even if some students struggle with reading, most of the linked items have pictures that correspond with the text.</p>
Is it easy to navigate?	x		<p>Very easy to use, options to create a padlet, join a padlet, view examples, view gallery, or search for something specific.</p>
Is it easy to learn?	x		<p>The app is extremely easy to use, it did not take long to figure out how to make a padlet</p>
Does the user need Supervision to use	x	x	<p>Yes and no. With Padlets ClassKit the teacher can constantly monitor where students are on the app. Students should not need monitoring while creating their</p>

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			padlet, but there is the option to add any type of video or materials, meaning that the teacher may want to keep an eye on students to stay on task.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		When adding a photo, video, etc, the user must actually choose the item to add. The response is appropriate because the user basically chooses the response.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 		x	The app is very simple and straightforward. We did not believe there were any special "bells and whistles."
Did you like using the App?	x		The app is very useful for teachers and students of almost all ages. We thought it was a great app that would work well in the classroom.

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<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>The version we looked at was free, but there are two upgrade options for \$12.99 (Pro) and \$34.99 (Jetpack).</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If so, what were the additional costs? 	x	<p>In-app purchases included the upgrades.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>	x	<p>It is very much like splice, iMovie, and other video creating apps. It was also similar to Explain Everything and Google because it gives the option to collaborate on a project. We believe that this app was easy to use, simple, and flexible, therefore, perfect for a third grade classroom.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>	x	<p>Overall, our group agrees that this app is great for a 3rd grade classroom</p>

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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? ● Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	x		Students could use this on any subject matter and teachers can use it for any unit they are going over as a tool for assessment. It can follow the appropriate teaching sequence because teachers can walk students through a task step-by-step.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does it match individual's abilities? ● Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		Very simple for young students the only issue is that special needs students may need assistance to create projects depending on their abilities.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bias? ● Commercialism Comments 		x	Not biased or commercial.