

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">• Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	Yes		We intentionally missed questions to see what would happen. The app let us keep answering until we got it right, but counted it as an incorrect answer for an accurate assessment. We searched random topics and learned about those as well.
Did the software crash?		No	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	Yes		It is a very good app for learning a variety of content areas.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	Yes		There are great animations and sounds that engage the user. The cartoon-like characters are something that a kid can relate to and enjoy watching.
Is it easy to navigate?	Yes		There is a tool bar that is easy to use and clear instructions guide the user.

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<p>Is it easy to learn?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>We used the app before watching the tutorial and were able to access the movie and take the quiz with ease. Instructions really aren't needed and we feel if students were given a topic, they could easily look it up on the app and learn all about it.</p>
<p>Does the user need Supervision to use</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>Very user friendly and content is appropriate.</p>
<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>We were able to keep answering until we got it right, but it counted it as an incorrect answer for an accurate assessment.</p>
<p>Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? </p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Overall, the animations and extras enhanced the experience. But the "Beep" used throughout the app got a little annoying.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		

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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 	Yes	<p>There is a free trial and also some free movies. It offered enough information to show the value of the app.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	yes	<p>\$3.99 per month for Explorer and \$9.99 per month for Full Access</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>		<p>It is definitely one of the better apps for learning content and accessing knowledge.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>		<p>We can definitely see the value in this app and would use it in our classrooms. It even has teacher support for lesson plans, PD, standards alignment, and focused content.</p>

Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? 	yes		<p>All of these aspects of learning were included in this app. The app presents itself in a way that is suitable for all ages of students and teachers.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 			
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	yes		A teacher can use for specific content, and students have the ability to explore subjects or topics that are of particular interest to them.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		no	