

Evaluating Apps

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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		The app allows the user to look at a plethora of articles ranging through topics across every content area. The app also offers different and new magazines for children to discover new information.
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 and learning new information.
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. They included lots of interesting pictures to hook the viewer.
Is it easy to navigate?	Yes		There is a tool bar that is easy to use and clear instructions guide the user. You can search for topics you need.

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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 articles and explore with ease.</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>no</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>The app was straightforward but the fonts and pictures make it seem fancier.</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>You can subscribe to the magazines as they come out and its \$1.99/month or \$19.99/year.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	yes		<p>For the magazine subscription.</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 especially news and media information.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			<p>We can definitely see the value in this app and would use it in our classrooms.</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.</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	