

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 	yes		We tried to explore all options, but then we ran out of padlets...
Did the software crash?		no	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?		no	
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	yes		The graphics caught our attention at first glance.
Is it easy to navigate?		no	Didn't know the purpose or functions of the app.
Is it easy to learn?		no	There was no tutorial, and there were no instructions on how to use the different aspects of the app.
Does the user need Supervision to use	yes		
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		no	
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 		no	
Did you like using the App?		no	
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 	yes		You have two options upon signing up, "basic" which lasts forever

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			and contains 3 padlets, and "pro" which is \$8.33 a month with unlimited padlets.
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what were the additional costs? 	yes		Yes, because the option to upgrade your membership is always in the corner.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			Pretty poorly, we feel like most other apps are more user-friendly and users are able to explore a bit more.
Additional Comments			none

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? 	yes		It could be valuable to use in specific lesson plans where students are expected to create their own graphic organizers. Is age appropriate for 4-up which falls into the middle school age range.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does it match individual's abilities? Does it meet individual's needs? 		no	Neither of us felt like it could benefit our learning or teaching in any way.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bias? Commercialism Comments 		no	The app was globally friendly.