

Evaluating Apps

Title: Brainpop

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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	Watching different videos seems self-directed, but there are many different aspects to the app. You can create concept maps, print quizzes, and ask students to submit their work for review. You can also build lesson plans and integrate other resources into your classroom.
Did the software crash?		x	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		Very kid friendly and appealing.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	x		Lots of colors and animations.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		Subject topics are located at the bottom of the home screen for easy navigation.

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Is it easy to learn?	x		Very helpful layout.
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	Although there are many different options, the app appears to be very kid friendly and protected.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		There are short quizzes to follow the videos. Great way to make sure students are focusing on the lesson.
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		Sounds and animations are very attractive. They enhance the app and make it exciting and appealing for students. Students would be excited to use the app.
Did you like using the App?	x		There is lots to explore and very appealing.
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 	x		You don't have to buy the app but there are in-app subscription options.

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<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">If so, what were the additional costs?	x		<p>Students would never need to purchase any extras in the app but teachers may find the purchases useful.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>Although I don't have very much experience with apps similar to Brain Pop, I would be willing to say this app is better than most. It presents educational videos in a short, engaging and effective manner. Students can quiz afterwards.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			

Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	x		<p>Many different subject areas. Science, social studies, English, math, arts & music, health and tech are suggested subjects but there is also a search tab. Wide variety of videos that would offer new learning content.</p>
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		<p>Students can individually select the subject area they need to focus on. The quizzes and concept maps would be a direct evaluation of the students' knowledge.</p>
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	<p>There is a wide variety of selection.</p>