

Evaluating Apps

Title: Total Recall-Mind Map

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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		Basic structure.
Did the software crash?		x	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		Kid friendly.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	x		Basic layout, but would be useful for younger elementary students.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		There are a few basic options that will suggest help when you click on them.
Is it easy to learn?	x		Because the app is so basic, it doesn't take long to explore the options.
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	Although you can share your ideas, students would primarily use the app to construct ideas, then the teacher could look at the saved file or

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			have students share with them.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		x	No response required.
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 		x	I don't feel like bells and whistles would be useful in this app. Since the app is meant for students to express and organize their ideas, it would just be useless clutter.
Did you like using the App?	x		It reminds me of Inspirations, but a simpler layout.
<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>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		x	
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			I think some may think that the app is not as good as similar apps because it is very basic, but I believe the app would be effective for younger students.

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Additional Comments			

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		Could be used for many different subject matter areas. No specific focus. Allows students to express their ideas and organize their knowledge. Would be great for evaluating students.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		Students work on the app would be a direct representation of their content knowledge.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	