

## Padlet Evaluation Write-Up

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The app we reviewed was entitled “Padlet” and we downloaded the 72.0 version by Wallwisher Inc. The publisher states that the age rating is 4+ but Kayla stated that “it would only be appropriate for higher grades. You couldn’t use it for younger than 4th Grade.” This app fits in with the tutorial category because it is teaching new information to the students. It also has a discussion board aspect which would allow for a Q and A - also a tutorial style. This would fit into any curriculum that needed discussion boards or class conversations. This would fit well into any lecture style class that would allow for Questions during the presentation and answers afterwards. This would work for a Teacher Tool, Small Group, Lab Setting, or Mobile Environment.

There is a paid version. After you create 3 padlets, you have to pay for it. It is \$100 a year, or \$12.99 a Month.

The software is a great discussion board/Question and Answer/Interactive Classroom software. It allows you to create a classroom discussion board or a presentation board. Students can then join that board and post their ideas/questions/etc to be apart of the class discussion. There are customizable colors and designs.

Our impression of this app varied. Kayla liked it while Carinna didn’t find it impressive. Carinna found it redundant and thought there were other apps that were cheaper and could be used for the same purposes. Michaela liked it but thought it would be complicated for younger students, which would require unnecessary supervision. There might be a simpler app for younger students. The app also crashed quite a bit and you have to make an account, which might restrict it for younger users. It was also highly word-based, which again restricts the use for younger students.

At the end of it all, the software barely passes. We liked it for older students, but anyone younger than middle school would struggle with it’s usage. We also wanted to explore the cost aspect more - is there an educator option? A classroom option?