Evaluating Apps

<u>Title: BrainPop</u>

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	x		"Super fun app with educational videos and quizzes." Kayla
Did the software crash?		Х	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		"This would be appropriate for 2-3 grade and up, but only to maybe 6-7th grade." Michaela
Were the screens appealing? • Color, items on screen, sounds	X		"Very colorful, cute characters, noises for correct answers, and very interactive." Carinna
Is it easy to navigate?	X		"Very simple set-up and design." Michaela
Is it easy to learn?	Х		
Does the user need Supervision to use		×	"Because it is so simple, many students would not need assistance." Kayla
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		Х	•
 Were there bells and whistles? If so, do they enhance instead of detract? If not, should there be? 	x		" Noises, colors, and lots of fun videos. There were tons of things to do and interact with." Carinna
Did you like using the App?	X		"It was SO educational and fun to use." Michaela
What was the cost? • Was there a "lite" version ○ If so, was it enough	x		"There were some free videos that you could watch, including a free daily video." Carinna
Were there in-app purchases? • If so, what were the additional costs?	x		"There were two subscriptions - unlimited access for \$6.99 a month, or some additional access in the app for \$2.99 a month." Kayla
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			"Pretty similar to some other apps that have the same concept, but this one is good because it includes the quiz aspect and has a decent archive of videos" Carinna
Additional Comments			

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<u>Developmentally Appropriate</u>

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
 Child Development and Learning Subject Matter appropriate? Educational Focus? Provides for Learning New Content? Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	×		"The teacher would obviously have to make sure her students were advanced enough to use it, but if they can understand the videos, the content is definitely appropriate and developmentally correct." Carinna
 Individual Does it match individual's abilities? Does it meet individual's needs? 	×		"There weren't any customization options, but the whole software was so simple that anyone who understood enough English to watch the videos could use it." Kayla
Social/Cultural • Bias? • Commercialism Comments		×	"On the day we evaluated the app, it was actually covering a Hindu holiday, so it was extremely multicultural and shared a lot about other cultures." Michaela