

Evaluating Apps

Title Lucid Chart

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This is an iOS app. It caught my attention because it is similar to Inspiration, which we have used in class. The biggest difference is that it is free. I would purchase this because it could help my students to organize their thoughts and help them to categorize things in an easy and visual way. I can especially see this being used in English as a plan for essay writing.

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		
Did the software crash?		x	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds		x	This is a graphic organizer tool. It is not super colorful, but it is organized and visual.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		
Is it easy to learn?	x		
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)			n/a
Were there bells and whistles?	x		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 			<p>There were different boxes, connectors, etc. to choose from.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	x		
<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	x	<p>There was a premium version that offers more bells and whistles, but the lite version was easily usable in the classroom.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		x	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>Compared to inspiration, I didn't like it as well, but as a free option it is good.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			

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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		This app could help a student organize his/her thoughts for any subject in a neat and productive way.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		Students can add whatever information they need to this.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	