

Title: Reading IQ

Version: 2.14.2

Developer: Age of Learning, Inc.

Target Audience: Children ages 2-12; I believe that the app could target older students. Some students may be 13 or 14 years old who do read at 6th grade reading levels. The students may avoid this app because it does not specifically target their age range, and they would miss out on a great learning tool!

Type(s) of software with your justification: Reading IQ would be considered *Discovery Learning* because it is up to the user to determine what he or she wants to read about. With over 7,000 books about various topics, the app provides autonomy and the chance for discovery.

Curriculum(s) (possible environment(s) and why): This app is perfect for any curriculum, in my opinion. There are readings about every topic – Animals and Plants, Fables and Fairy Tales, Earth and Space, Numbers and Shapes, Music and Art, and so much more! I would use this in my ELA classroom to help students find a wider range of reading material, especially if they have an iPad at home, but not a library card. This would be great for a math teacher who is exposing students to word problems and wants to deepen reading comprehension, even in a math setting.

Cost: Free from the iPhone App store; the first month is free, and then it is \$7.99 per month until canceled. The alternative to the monthly payment is to pay \$39.99 per year, which is advertised as “58% off: 6 months free compared to monthly pricing.”

Description paragraph: Reading IQ is a user-friendly and educational piece of discovery learning software. First, you create an account and register your child/student. This should be done with the child so they can play a role in developing their interests. They will choose what they want to read about based on 18 categories provided by the app. Next, there is a series of questions about reading levels and goals. The last step in the set-up process is an optional reading assessment. Once you're really in the app, there are bright colors and engaging pictures! On the bottom of the screen are the navigation tabs: My Shelf, Categories, Home, Level, and Search. You can easily navigate through the app to discover endless books. The Home tab provides your recently accessed titles and the books under the categories you chose in the beginning. The level tab lets you choose grade level, accelerated options, guided reading, and Lexile. You can find badges you've earned, how many minutes you've read, and a daily reading challenge in the My Shelf section.

Impressions and usage paragraph: I loved everything about this app, except the price. It was easy to learn and navigate, and it provides numerous opportunities to promote student learning. With that being said, I dislike the fact that it is a paid program. Reading is crucial to student learning, and it should not be hindered if a family cannot afford luxuries such as costly apps. At least it is less than \$10/month, but I would still prefer to it to be free.

Does the software pass **Review**? Yes

Does the software pass **Evaluation**? Yes