

Title: BrainPop

• **Version:**

BrainPOP Featured Movie Version 3.2.1

• **Publisher or Producer:**

BrainPOP

• **Target Audience:**

App states the target audience is 4+, and we agree to an extent. It would be a good introduction to Educational topics for 4-5-year-olds, but they would not understand the full content until about 9-10-year-old.

• **Type(s) of software with your justification:**

The app could be seen as drill and practice and used to review and take quizzes over information already learned. It could also be used as tutorial software since students could go over new information and learn from it. We think it best suits discovery learning software since the student can choose from many different subjects and categories to learn on their own.

• **Curriculum(s):**

BrainPOP has categories for the different subjects, including science, social, studies, English, math, art/music, and health. Students could go to the category they are studying and choose a topic within the subject to learn about. They could then write summaries and responses over the videos. Struggling students could use the app for extra practice.

• **Cost:**

These in-app purchases are necessary to watch most videos, but you can explore and watch some free movies without it.

BrainPOP Explorer Subscription: \$3.99

BrainPOP Full Access Subscription: \$9.99

• **Write a paragraph or two describing the software:**

The app's home screen has a featured movie, the core subjects at the bottom, and a section for quizzes. Once you go to one of the subjects, there are categories. For example, under science there are categories for cells, nature, chemistry, energy, etc. Under those categories are different lessons in the form of videos. After each lesson, there is the option to take a quiz over the material.

The app covers science, social studies, English, math, arts & music, health, and tech. Once you create a log-in, the app can keep up with the subjects you have gone over and has a place where your scores are kept. Without the subscription, there are 3 free movies per category.

- **Write a paragraph or two on your impressions of the software and possibly how you see the software being used in your class:**

We really like the layout of the software and how easily everything is stored. It comes with a wide variety of subjects and lessons and could be used in all kinds of different classrooms. It's easy to navigate around the app and the design of the app is good. We do not like that there are only videos and quizzes, and we think the software would benefit from other options. This could include writing opportunities, the option to record your own video, or even just informational text.

This software could be used to get students curious about the curriculum and introduce lessons. They can take the quizzes to check progress and the teacher can monitor their grades. Students could watch the videos individually, or the teacher could show it to the whole class as part of the lesson.

- **Does the software pass APPS:**

BrainPOP passes as application software. It is diverse in its uses but sticks to the overall theme of discovery learning.