Evaluating Apps

Title Evernote

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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	✔		I tapped the screen in random places and it continued to work fine. It did not alter the note I was making at all.
Did the software crash?		✔	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✔		I (Hannah) believe so. The app allows individuals to take notes and it provides different options such as typing or drawing. I think it could meet a user's needs.
Were the screens appealing? • Color, items on screen, sounds ……	✔		The main colors were white and green. The main screen was a little busy. It could be overwhelming to a new user.
Is it easy to navigate?	✔		The app is pretty well organized, although the screen can appear to be a bit cluttered.

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Is it easy to learn?	✓		The app is pretty straight forward. It also offers a tour of the app upon first opening the app.
Does the user need Supervision to use		✓	Students usually regulate their own note-taking anyway. There should be no reason to think otherwise with them using this app.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		✓	I did not notice the app ever giving a response.
Were there bells and whistles? • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be?		✓	This app allows students to draw, record, or type their notes. They can also attach a file or photo.
Did you like using the App?	✓		This app would be great to use.
What was the cost? • Was there a "lite" version o If so, was it enough	✓		There is a free trial for a week for the full version. The full version is $7.99/month. The basic version however is free.
Were there in-app purchases? • If so, what were the additional costs?	✓		In-app subscription for $7.99/month.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?	✓		We think this app compares favorably. It allows students to do more than just write down notes.

Additional Comments	✔	I (Annie) really enjoy this app. I can definitely use this in an ELA classroom.

Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?	✔		It allows students to take notes in their own way. It can have an educational focus if used in the right manner. Students will plug in their own subject matter. It allows students to record their new learning, but the app itself does not provide content. The app could be used to follow an appropriate teaching sequence.
Individual • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs?	✔		It allows students to personalize their notes and record them in a way that would make sense to them. It can be used by students who need a different type of notetaking method to learn.
Social/Cultural • Bias? • Commercialism Comments		✔	We detected no bias in this app.