

Evaluating Apps

Title Padlet

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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	✓		We clicked on every category and tried to interact with examples.
Did the software crash?		✓	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?		✓	For older grades, this would be appropriate. It requires more patience and skill on behalf of the student and their knowledge. It does provide multiple ways to organize material. No, it did not provide instructions or tutorials. There is no layout to use on the examples. It does provide symbols to add material, however the teacher would have to communicate this to the students.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	✓		The colors used the most are white, pink, orange, and green. The main screen is bare, but allows for the eyes to make

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			sense of the home screen.
Is it easy to navigate?	✓		The categories are well organized.
Is it easy to learn?		✓	It would take a lot of practice and memorization of processes to use this app effectively.
Does the user need Supervision to use	✓		Students would need instructional supervision in this app because it is a little difficult to use.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		✓	No response is required in the app.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 		✓	There was nothing extra in this app. It contains the necessary items and categories needed to create a padlet.
Did you like using the App?		✓	The app did freeze up at times when trying to use the example Padlets. It also loads slowly. It does not load files that appear to be on the software.
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 	✓		It costs to own the Pro version. It charges \$8.33/month. The Basic version, however, is free

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			forever. This is a lite version.
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what were the additional costs? 	✓		It has an upgrade button in the basic free version. Also the subscription is an in-app purchase.
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>		✓	It is not very user friendly compared to other apps that can create charts, diagrams, and documents.
<p>Additional Comments</p>			We were not a big fan of this app mainly because it was slow and difficult to use. It has potential to create great documents, however we assumed students would become impatient, confused, and frustrated.

Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject Matter appropriate? Educational Focus? Provides for Learning New Content? Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 		✓	This app is not focused solely on education. It can be used for educational purposes; however, it does not provide new learning content or subject matters. There is no teaching sequence in this.
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does it match individual's abilities? Does it meet individual's needs? 		✓	It does not give opportunities to familiarize the user with the software. It is only concerned with

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			the user who knows how to use the software already.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bias?• Commercialism Comments		✓	This app assumes that the user is familiar with technology and this app. It is biased in thinking this. It does not account for individuals who struggle with or are new to technology, especially this app.