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## BrainPOP

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*VERSION: 3.1.9*

*PUBLISHER: BrainPOP®*

*Target Audience:*

Elementary, Middle school, 4-8th grade.

*Curriculum:*

It can fit into any content-area classroom and can be used as an appropriate instruction tool to help students become engaged in a new or already existing topic that they have gone over. This is good for students who need extra scaffolding and who learn best when they can take as much time as they need to finish a lesson. The students are able to watch the movie over and over and restart it when needed. Students would be able to have a piece of paper to take notes on if needed. The students can then take a quiz over the material and they can answer questions as many times as possible until they get the correct answer but still receive a grade or score based on the questions they got right the first time. They can retake the quiz as many times as possible.

*COST: FREE for basic*

For the basic app, it is free.

Some movies are not free and will require having a subscription.

You can purchase FULL ACCESS for \$6.99 a month, which gives you access to all movies and quizzes.

You can also purchase EXPLORER which lets you add in-app access to four related movies and quizzes that will rotate daily for \$2.99 a month.

*Software Description:*

BrainPOP is a software that has animated movies that allow children to engage in understanding their world by listening to/reading narrative, laughing at the humor, and connecting to characters that teach them about the world around them. They have a 'Featured Movie' (as well as a Featured Quiz) that updates daily with a new video that has connections to real-world events that are going on currently, to holidays, and also to milestones and important people in today's world! Each movie has a quiz at the end where children are asked to evaluate what they watched and interact with the movie.

It is broken up between Science, Social Studies, English, Math, Arts and Music, Health, and Tech (Technology).

The app is mainly blue and orange and has Movies, Quizzes, Scores, and also Related Movies so that way children can watch more if they are interested in a topic.

If students pass a question on the quiz they receive a picture of a robot that nods its head and says 'Correct!'. If they fail a question, the robot shakes its head no and says 'Nope, try again'. The students can keep answering until they get the correct answer.

You can log in to save all your scores. The scores will have your last score, your highest score, and your average score, alongside a table that shows the date it was taken, the topic of your quiz, your name, and your best score made on the quiz.

To go backward you can swipe the screen left, and to go forward (to return to your last page) you swipe the screen right.

#### *Impressions:*

It is very easy to go through and looks really nice. While it looks a bit younger, the concepts are advanced and it can help students feel like they are comfortable with what they're learning. It is very pretty and easy to work. Everything loads fast too.

Navigation was really easy, the sound affects were appropriate and soft (subtle), the design was simple and nice, and the feedback was instant and communicated everything the student would need to learn.

#### *Does it pass:*

Definitely!