
Evernote

VERSION: 8.17.3

PUBLISHER: Evernote

Target Audience:

10+ to High School

Curriculum:

This app is wonderful for formative assessment. Students could take notes and send them to the teacher at the end of class. Students can record each other, record their notes, record the teacher, and listen to it to study. They can attach pictures and symbols and even draw on the page to help them remember what they're studying. In an ELA classroom especially this app has a lot of uses. Students could use this to help organize their brainstorming before writing an essay. In a math class, students could use this for complex notes. The sketching would be useful in math if students needed to show their progress when working on a problem or writing and using things like arrows and other symbols they would need to draw. For a lot of classes, this could be a great tool for notes and informal assessment.

COST: FREE, but

To get EVERNOTE PREMIUM it is \$7.99 monthly or \$69.99 annually

Software Description:

This is a notepad-like app with a lot of extra functions that most notepads do not have. It has bold, italics, underline, can change colors, and so much more.

This app has a picture of a green elephant head and the title "Evernote", with the reminder "Remember everything that matters:" underneath. You can log in or sign up for free. Once you sign in it takes you to a page where you can try Evernote Premium for free or you can continue with the basic app. It starts off with a tour to introduce you to the app. You can say no to the tour. Once there, the navigation bar is a black bar on the left side of the screen with an orange lightning bolt symbol that lets you know you can still buy Evernote Premium if you want it. If you hit the 'page' symbol, it also takes you to your notebooks and lets you view all notes. There is a search button underneath that, which lets you search through all your notes. Underneath that is a star symbol that takes you to shortcuts. And finally, the last symbol you can click on in the navigation bar is your account button.

When you create a new notebook, it will say 'First Notebook' at the top. You can change this. If you wish to go back to the previous page, you can click done. You can enter a title and start writing or even choose a template. They have a template gallery and you can even create your own templates to use (if you buy Evernote Premium). You can add pictures, record your thoughts, draw on the page, or attach documents and links to your notebook.

In the upper right-hand corner, you can share the note by clicking on a 'share' symbol with a green man and a plus sign, and you can share via email or with a link. You can set a reminder by clicking the alarm clock symbol. You can check note details, such as location or tags you may place on your notebook, by clicking the information symbol. And finally, if you click the three dots, it takes you to a 'more' screen that has 'Search in Note', 'Add to Shortcuts', 'Create a Siri Shortcut', 'Duplicate Note', 'Move Note', 'Simplify Formatting', and 'Move to Trash'.

The app only uses the colors green, dark gray, orange, and a soft white. It is not hard on the eyes and works well with full-screen brightness and no screen brightness.

Impressions:

This app is easy on the eyes, not cluttered, and very easy to work through. There is a tutorial but you don't actually need it to understand the app if you've been on apps before, but it might be good for students who don't pay attention. This app is great for taking notes in the classroom and creating short assignments on the Ipad. For students who like visuals in their notes, this allows them to insert pictures and documents. For students who like to listen to their notes, they may record their notes or even you as you teach! It has a lot of interesting tools and could be used in a variety of ways. It is fun, works really fast, and could be applied in the classroom in a large variety of ways.

It did not crash on us and seemed to work well even when uploading larger documents to save into Evernote. The alarm clock reminder would be a perfect studying tool or writing assessment tool for students. There were no real sounds to this app, but it did not need them and worked just fine as it was. It is simple, not very complex, but it did not need to be. There isn't really a reason to buy the Premium unless one really wanted to.

Does it pass:

Yes!