

Evaluating Apps

Title PhET Simulations

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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 	X		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		There is a lot of information on this app with 70 different simulation options. The teacher can uniquely create a simulation that the students can go through.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	No ads or anything since the app is not free.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		

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<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	X		<p>We really liked the fact that this app allowed for teacher creation so that the teacher can specifically design simulations for their classrooms specific needs.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	X		
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 			<p>0.99\$ one-time purchase</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			
<p>Additional Comments</p>			

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Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	X		Mainly to be used for math and science curriculum.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	X		
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	