

Evaluation Write-Up

App Title: One Globe Kids

Version: 1.1.80

Publisher/Producer/Creator: Globe Smart Kids

Target Audience: The publisher says that it's appropriate for 4+ and I agree. The app has text-to-speech features that reads all of the text aloud to the user no matter if they are listening to a story or doing one of the corresponding activities. The stories are also told from a child's point of view so they are just right for this age group, not too complicated or childish.

Type(s) of Software: I called this one a discovery learning app. The student gets to pick what culture or part of the globe they want to learn about and then select which story or activity they want to complete.

Curriculum(s): This would fit right into the social studies standards. Social studies often gets lost in the early elementary grades since the focus is so much on teaching students to read and do simple math. This would help incorporate social studies into the classroom even if the teacher does not have time to directly teach the material. The app can teach them, which is why it could also be considered a tutorial app.

Cost: The lite version of this app is free and includes two free sets of information and activities about two different kids from two different cultures. There are 10 sets total, each one costing \$2 each or \$10 for all 8.

Software Evaluation:

When you open the app, a list of "friends" shows up on the screen, including where they are from. Selecting one opens a screen of options to choose from to learn about life in that part of the world. There is a story told from the selected child's perspective about their typical day, several activities about learning the language they speak in that country, facts about it, and even an activity where the user can have a "conversation" with the child from the story by voice recording their answers to questions that the child asks.

I think this app is awesome. I haven't seen one like it that allows the user to learn about different cultures without just reading a lot of presented information. It's also so hard to find social studies related material for the younger elementary grades since it's so hard to fit into the school day. This app allows for the student to be completely independent as they play with it and could keep them occupied for a long time. It'd be great to use when there is a substitute in the room, when students finish an activity early, first thing as they walk through the door in the morning, or as they are waiting on dismissal. I wish there were more sets from more and different parts of the world instead of groups of kids from just 3 or 4 different places, but I think it would be worth the price. I really believe that if early elementary students can understand that being different is not a bad thing, they will have a more positive perspective of the world around them and not be afraid to interact with kids who may not be like them.

Does the software pass **Review**? Yes

Does the software pass **Evaluation**? Yes