

Evaluating Apps – Mini Checklist

Title: Brain Pop

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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		So many subjects to explore and so many videos that could be used for any subject area.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		Calming blue. Graphics and characters. Easy to look at and be interested in.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		Everything is pretty straightforward. Kylie- On apps, I struggle finding my way back to the home page. On this app, I like that there is a big "back" button on each page. Back to us- each subject area is clearly stated, and in each subject area, each video is separated and titled so that it is

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			easy to find and know what topic the video will be about.
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	Content is aimed at students. There will not be any inappropriate content on the videos.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		There are quizzes. We cannot view the videos or quizzes for all of them because they are not free, but there are some that are free. These quizzes and videos are very appropriate.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	X		Has a search category for students to find material they are interested in. Has a "related movies" category for students to find other videos that are related to the video they were watching. It also has "today's featured movie" for students to learn about something

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			interesting that they might not have found on their own.
Did you like using the App?	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 			The app itself is free. However, you cannot access everything. There are only a few free movies and quizzes. The free version is not enough to get any good use out of the app. More about cost of the app below.
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	X		It has a Full Access version that has unlimited in-app access to all movies and quizzes for \$6.99/month. There is an Explorer version that only has access to four related movies and quizzes that rotate daily and expand on the daily Featured Movie for \$2.99 a month.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			

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			<p>Could not find any apps that really compared to Brain Pop. There are many apps that have videos for specific content areas, but not that cover such a wide range of areas like Brain Pop.</p>
Additional Comments			<p>We do not like that the app really forces you to subscribe to it to get the full experience.</p>

Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
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		Yes, the subject matter is very appropriate, but more so for lower mid-level grades than junior high. It provides 800+ videos for all subject areas. It does provide for learning new content because there is such a wide variety of videos available. It could very easily be incorporated into the teaching sequence to supplement a lesson.
Individual	X		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does it match individual's abilities?• Does it meet individual's needs?			Yes. Super easy for anyone to learn how to use it and navigate on it.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bias?• Commercialism Comments		X	