

Evaluating Apps – Mini Checklists

Title: Evernote

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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		There may be a few features that we've missed, but we feel as though we have a thorough understanding of this app. There was a bunch of trial-and-error here. The features weren't always labeled (there may have been directions somewhere for these certain features but we couldn't find them).
Did the software crash?		X	Evernote seems to be reliable.

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<p>Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?</p>	X		<p>Evernote is a great note taking app. It will meet the needs of someone annotating notes that have been taken in class or class handouts that've been given. It will allow students to create their own notes or checklists and even share them with each other.</p>
<p>Were the screens appealing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		<p>It's a note taking app, so it's not the most fascinating app in screen appearance. This app is appropriate looking and gets the job done though.</p>
<p>Is it easy to navigate?</p>		X	<p>We actually had some difficulty at first, it did get better as we went through the app more. We feel students would have to be taken on a tour through the app and have features explained to them at first.</p>

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Is it easy to learn?	X	It definitely took trial-and-error, but we learned how to use most of the features pretty quickly.
Does the user need Supervision to use		X The user might need help, so the teacher should be on standby just in case.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		X N/A
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	The app allows you to take notes, organize, annotate handwritten notes, and even record meetings.
Did you like using the App?	X	We see great possibilities for this app!

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<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 	X		<p>Premium: \$7.99 a month. Business: \$14.99 per user per month (minimum two users)</p> <p>I think the Lite Version is enough. You can only sync between two devices, but you can share out. There is also a 60 MB limit per month for uploads, but that might be enough for a project.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	<p>Not once you buy a subscription for premium.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>There are other apps that allow you to take notes, but non on quite this level.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>		X	

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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	This app is a note-taking app and is more organizational than educational. This app can be used as a tool for education, but doesn't have new content or teach anything. The app can be used for any class and has great possibilities for the classroom.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	X		I think students who both love organizing or are bad at organization will benefit from this app. You can create checklists and have the app give you reminders. This app allows students to personalize their learning and keep track of their notes.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	This app didn't have any bias. This app has commercials for the premium feature, but no commercials other than that.