

# Ed Software Evaluation

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**Title:** Explain Everything Whiteboard

**Type of Software:** Tool: You can create various kinds of files with this program. You can make pictures, PDFs, or share video and audio files. You can create templates, projects, or animations to share with the class.

**Version:** 5.3.6

**Publisher:** Explain Everything sp. z o.o.

**Target Audience:** 4+

**Curriculum/How it might be used in our class:** We think that we could include this software in curriculum by having students create animations of stories they're reading or made up, video science experiments and share it on their online portfolios, or integrate teacher tutorials (made in Explain Everything) into the lessons.

Classrooms: Projects, presentations, or tutorials can be done with this software.

Home: Students could use this to do homework or watch tutorials from their teacher on how to do problems for homework (or for an AMI day).

YouTube: Many YouTubers use similar apps to create media for their account. If your class has a YouTube account this will be a great way to share what's happening in your classroom. The ability to voice-over and edit videos, combined with the collaboration options, and animation possibilities create a rich environment for creativity.

**Possible Environments and Why:** On-line Software: You need to have internet for various section of this app and it does auto-save. Mobile Environment: Students will each need their own tablet and account, but can collaborate. It can be used as a single person project or be used in group projects.

**Cost:** There is a free Lite version (limited to 3 projects), a \$12.99 per month or \$107.99 annual subscription to unlimited, or a \$13.99 single purchase education version of the app (There may be a more expensive classroom version of this, but I can't find the prices.).

**Paragraph Describing App:** This app is an online whiteboard. You can create animated scenes, voice-over videos, and collaborate with in-app voice-chat and easy to use templates. You can create a new project with infinite whiteboard space, use a template from the app, or download media from a variety of places (Dropbox, Photos, GDrive, Evernote). You can invite people to collaborate on a project or use a code to join projects. You can share your projects through web-links or export as a video, document, photo, or project. This app can be used to make animations and it is easy to do.

**Impressions of Software:** We like this software and think it's a great addition to any class. Even if you don't invest in the paid version, you can still create three projects at a time on the free version. We like that students can watch videos that their teachers share with them and through this can learn new information and/or learn the steps to solving problems or doing experiments. Homework help can be attained easily if the teacher gives the students codes and they watch tutorials for problem types they need help solving. Students can create projects on here for online portfolios or for presentations at school. If you're school/class has a Facebook or YouTube account, student could create animations of books you're reading or animate other projects to show what they've been learning. There might be limitations with the Lite Version of this app, but we think the benefits outweigh the negative aspects.

**Does it pass APPS:** Yes. We think that this would be a great tool for any classroom. It's probably worth the money to buy the educational version for every tablet.