Evaluating Apps – Mini Checklist

Title: Explain Everything Whiteboard
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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	X		We messed around on this app for hours. We made so many shapes appear and disappear when we didn't want them to. Eventually, we got the hang of creating objects and creating animations.
Did the software crash?		X	We were on this app for a couple hours and it worked great.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		Kids will love creating their own animations on this app, voicing over videos, or creating a presentation.
Were the screens appealing? • Color, items on screen, sounds ……	X		It was kid friendly and keeps your attention as you navigate the app.

Is it easy to navigate?	X		We had a super easy time navigating. There are tutorials that explain each area of the app and includes videos that you can watch. (LeRay's note: I played around with this at home and my little sister stole it and explained several points to me even though she'd never seen the app before. I think students can probably figure this out easier than I did, especially the ones who watch YouTube animators.)

Is it easy to learn?	X		It didn't take long to understand and then navigation is easy. The content is accessible and easy to share. You can also upload videos, pictures, or other documents from the web and add to the built-in drop-box.
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	The app can connect to others, but you either need to specifically invite people or have a code. The teacher could provide the codes if she was worried, but we think the students would be safe here.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		X	N/A

Were there bells and whistles? • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be?	X		It has a drop box. It has text boxes with multiple fonts. You have the ability to upload various media. You can video or take pictures in the app. These features are essential for the app and enhance it greatly.
Did you like using the App?	X		We really like this app. (LeRay's Note: I really enjoyed animating a short video, I will probably keep this app.)

What was the cost? • Was there a "lite" version o If so, was it enough	X		Plan Version: (Unlimited Projects, Unlimited Recording, Global Real-Time Collaboration, Quick web video link) Cost: $12.99 per month $107.99 per year 14 Day Free Trial Lite Version: •Up to 3 projects •Use on any device •Collaboration with Voice Chat •Web Video Link Sharing
Were there in-app purchases? • If so, what were the additional costs?		X	Not after the initial purchase.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?	X		It seems to, although we didn't explore many.

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Additional Comments		X	This app has an education version that has a one-time payment and doesn't require yearly or monthly payments, it's $13.99 for one iPad and I think that there is a classroom version you can get for all of your students. There is also a shared version for a cheaper amount ($7.99 per month per account attached to the plan).

Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?	X	While there isn't a specific subject matter or educational focus, teachers can easily use this app to fit their needs in the classroom. Teachers can add new learning content through videos and they would determine if it follows the appropriate teaching sequence.

Individual • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs?	X	The individual can use this app to their abilities and it will work with masters of novices. (LeRay's Note: I have a friend who is a master artist and draws amazing comics on his iPad. He could probably create an animated web toon with this app with no problem. I had a blast and created a cricket and a small boy that look like a 10-year-old created it, but I had a blast and was proud of them. This app can be used by almost anyone and while the quality of the content will vary depending on the talent and ability of the person.) Depending on the content that is attempted on this app, I think it will meet individual's needs. Kids can create videos on here on history lessons they've learned, create a scene to go with a spoken poem, or visually show how they did math problems step by step. Students who are more visual or have a hard time with reading/writing will find this app helpful. Teachers can also send individualized instructions in this app that can explain instructions, steps of experiments, or step by step math problem solutions right to certain students iPads. Differentiated instruction at its best.

Social/Cultural • Bias? • Commercialism Comments		X	It doesn't seem to have a bias and there are no commercials.