

## Evaluating Apps – Mini Checklist

**Title:** Padlet

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected</li> </ul>	X		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?		X	Could be used for taking notes or looking at the content a teacher created for them, but we feel this could be accomplished easier on other platforms. There are so many ways for students to get distracted with other Padlets.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color, items on screen, sounds .....</li> </ul>	X		Cute cactus background, eye appealing colors. Padlets themselves are fun to look at.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use	X		There are public padlets in the gallery that they

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			could comment on. They would need supervision to make sure they were being responsible.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		X	
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, do they enhance instead of detract?</li> <li>• If not, should there be?</li> </ul>		X	
Did you like using the App?		X	While there is some good information on other peoples' padlets, we feel that it would be better for teachers to find information to share from other resources because it would be easier. Padlet is not easy to search for specific information on. We would rather use Google to do what Padlet does.
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If so, was it enough</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			Basic (Free Version)- 3 padlets, 10 MB, ads, standard support.  Pro- \$8.33/month- Unlimited padlets, 250 MB, No ads,

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		Priority support, Folders.
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, what were the additional costs?</li> </ul>		Yes
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>		<p>We feel that there are other apps or programs that could perform the same functions as this app in a way that would be easier for both students and teachers to use. For example, Google Docs. We feel it would be better to create a doc for students to use/view that using padlet. Also, I feel that padlet could be used similarly to discussion boards on blackboard.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>		<p>Similar to pinterest in some aspects. Padlets are like boards on pinterest.</p>

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### Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject Matter appropriate?</li> <li>• Educational Focus?</li> <li>• Provides for Learning New Content?</li> <li>• Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?</li> </ul>	X		No specific subject matter. Can be used by teacher to create documents for students to see, respond to, or for students to create their own documents and share with others. Provides opportunities for the teacher to share new learning content. Can be implemented into appropriate teaching sequence.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does it match individual's abilities?</li> <li>• Does it meet individual's needs?</li> </ul>	X		Relatively easy to navigate. Can be used in a variety of ways, so it just depends on the specific needs of the student/lesson.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bias?</li> <li>• Commercialism Comments</li> </ul>	X		Any student could use this app and feel comfortable with its content.