

Evaluating Apps – Mini Checklist

Title: Solar System Scope (Our app for discovery learning)

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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		I tried to access things that I couldn't because they were not part of the free version.
Did the software crash?	X		Just once, but, it did. It kicked us out to the home screen.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		User can navigate to any planet, star, or constellation that they want to. When they find these, they can view any information about that part of space. Very appropriate for a science class.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		Very engaging. Starts with intriguing music and images/videos of the solar system.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		Can either navigate around yourself, or search for specific parts

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			of space. Each planet, constellation, etc. is labeled so it is very easy to see what you are looking at.
Is it easy to learn?	X		Everything flows in a logical order. It is super easy to follow and learn. Easy to find information.
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)			NA
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		So much information offered about each planet, star, etc. There was even a search to find what you were looking for. They definitely enhanced. You can see the whole solar system at once, basically. Really neat.
Did you like using the App?	X		It was so fun to play around with! We think students would enjoy it as well.

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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 			<p>It was free, but this was the lite version. We feel that the lite version was enough. There were a couple ads, and you could do basically anything you wanted to with it. The upgrade features were only “high quality option and detailed planetary maps.” However, we felt that the maps were already high quality and detailed.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	X		<p>Just to buy the full version. \$2.99</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>We compared this app to other apps that let you explore the solar system. Solar System Scope allows so much freedom. You can move to whatever you want to, click on it, read information about it, and even use a “night sky” option, that shows you what stars and constellations are</p>

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			<p>around you. In other apps, they only let you move around the solar system or see the solar system from earth's perspective. They also do not offer as much information about aspects of the solar system, and they do not go into as much detail with the display of the solar system, either.</p>
Additional Comments	X		<p>Kylie-my favorite app so far!</p>

Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	X		<p>Definitely an app for science teachers. It was very subject matter appropriate for a lesson about the solar system. The educational focus was the solar system. It definitely provides for learning of new content because under each planet/star/etc there is an "encyclopedia" that gives information about that specific thing.</p>
Individual	X		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 			<p>Very easy for any student to use. Super easy to navigate.</p>
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	<p>A lot of ads for space related stuff and ads to buy the app.</p>