

Evaluating Apps

Title The Oregon Trail: American Settler

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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		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		There wasn't anything that a student shouldn't be able to see.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		There were lots of colors and fun activities all the way through.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		It's kind of overwhelming, but it gives directions throughout so it wasn't too much.
Is it easy to learn?	X		Like before, it's a lot, but the directions make it easy to learn.
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		You just have to follow the

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			directions it gives to move onto the next task or level.
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	X		Since it was a simulation app, it for sure enhances rather than distracts.
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	X		It was very interesting, would be very fun for a student.
<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>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>	X		I've been on other apps that require the same things. This one is just more educational in our opinions.
<p>Additional Comments</p>		X	N/A

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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 does provide new learning content. This would be a really good app to use in a history class.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	X		Since it gives such explicit instructions, anyone would be able to use it without too much trouble or confusion.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	No bias.