Evaluating Apps

Title: Padlet

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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	✓		
Did the software crash?		✓	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✓		Yes once we figured out how to use it.
Were the screens appealing? • Color, items on screen, sounds ……	✓		Yes they were colorful and attractive.
Is it easy to navigate?		✓	Once we figured out how to us the app, it was easy to navigate.
Is it easy to learn?	✓		Once we figured out how to use it, it was easy. There are no directions or tutorials but it did not take long for use to figure it out.
Does the user need Supervision to use		✓	

If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)			N/a
Were there bells and whistles? • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be?	✓		There were bright colors but no sounds.
Did you like using the App?	✓		Once we learned how to use it, it was a fun app/
What was the cost? • Was there a "lite" version ○ If so, was it enough			It was free for basic. There is an $8/ month version that includes more.
Were there in-app purchases? • If so, what were the additional costs?			The app was free to download. There was a fee of $8/month do get the Pro version.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			This was the first app I have used like this. But I like it and the organization that it helps create.
Additional Comments			

Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?		✓	There was nothing really to learn besides how to use the app. It helps organize lists and other things a teacher can use in the classroom. But I do not see students using it regularly.
Individual • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs?		✓	It could be better. It needs directions or instructions so the user can spend less time trying to figure it out and more time enjoying it.
Social/Cultural • Bias? • Commercialism Comments		✓	There were no biases that we saw. There were no ads either.