

BrainPop Evaluation Write-Up
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The app we evaluated was Brainpop, version 3.1.9 by BrainPOP. Their target audience was ages 9-11 but we thought it was appropriate starting in 2-3 grade and ending in 6-7 grade. The videos covered basic topics but used some higher language. This was a Discovery Learning app because you could search almost any topic to find an informative video about it. It was also a drill and practice app because there was a quiz available at the end of each video. This would be a good daily bell ringer for a social studies classroom, science classroom, or a homeroom. It would fit into a social studies or science curriculum, as well as some special topics, such as art and music. It is a single-user environment for the quizzes, but you could have students watch in a group setting if necessary. The basic app was free, but there were two subscriptions with differing levels of access for \$2.99 and \$6.99 a month.

BrainPop is a featured movie app that allows the user to watch a detailed daily video about a certain topic and answer 10 questions about the video afterwards. This is a great way to broaden your knowledge in 3-5 minutes a day, with some information relevant to that exact day, such as election day or the Fourth of July. Deeper than the daily videos is the video archives that allow you to search through a number of subjects and topics to find a video that interests you. Each comes with their own quiz and you can publish your scores to the leaderboards.

This app was educational and colorful! Michaela and Kayla liked the app, but Carinna found a few of the characters annoying. The topics covered were specific and gave great general knowledge about a subject. We all liked it because it was simple enough to use that it didn't require any adult supervision or assistance. The content was very appropriate and students would easily be able to walk right in and take a short quiz that warmed up their brain for the real lesson.

This app passes! All of us would use it in our future classrooms.