

## Evaluating Apps

**Title: Brain Storm**

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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		"This is a really great app for group work. Students can gather data, make charts, and draw together." - Kayla
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		"I think this is good for 4th and up. This is when they really start using groups and start to understand how important preplanning is." - Carinna
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color, items on screen, sounds .....</li> </ul>	X		"It is bright and the writing on it looks like someone wrote it instead of it being regularly typed" - Michaela
Is it easy to navigate?	X		"It has a good navigation bar at the top that is easily useable" - Kayla
Is it easy to learn?	X		"Students will figure it out as they go along. The more they play the more they will understand it and be able to do things with it." - Michaela
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	"The students should be able to work it with little to no supervision" - Kayla
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)			
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	"There are not a lot of bells and whistles. It does have a few templates so that makes it easier for students." - Carinna
Did you like using the App?	X		"This would be nice to have when doing groups in classes so you could watch their work as well. You could see what each child did instead of trying to guess who did what on the project" - Kayla
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>		X	"It was free" - Michaela

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<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, what were the additional costs?</li> </ul>		X	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>"I would much rather use google drive or something else but I think for an introduction app for children to use to get used to sharing with groups it is good to have them start with this."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Michaela</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			

### Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <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>			<p>"You can do anything with this. Children can be as creative as they want this this due to the fact you can draw, type, and put sticky notes on the screen."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Carinna</p> <p>"You could also have the children come up with something on their own and have other children go around and sticky note them on their projects"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Kayla</p>
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does it match individual's abilities?</li> <li>• Does it meet individual's needs?</li> </ul>			<p>"This is good for students who like to do everything. This gives them a chance to do something they feel comfortable with. They get the chance to get creative."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Carinna</p>
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bias?</li> <li>• Commercialism Comments</li> </ul>		X	