

# Ed Software Evaluation

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**Title:** Padlet

**Type of Software:** Tools: This would fall into the tools category because Padlet can be used however the user wishes. It could be a board of vocabulary words, or used to make an informational handout, or even used as a discussion board by students, or maybe even a graphic organizer. The apps' use really depends on what the user is trying to make from it.

**Version:** 82.0

**Publisher:** Wallwisher, Inc.

**Target Audience:** Students 4+, but really for older students.

**Curriculum/How it might be used in our class:** We feel this app would be good in a science, English, history, math, or even a second language learning environment. We can use this app in our classroom in a variety of ways. We can use it to introduce new information at the beginning of a unit or at the beginning of lessons, as a platform to organize information in a visually pleasing and engaging way, to relay information to students, to have students respond to information, or for students to display information that they have found. It can be used to present a wide range of ideas. It can be used for teacher-led lessons, student-led lessons, students' projects, and even a type of discussion board. We could assign our students research projects and have them present their findings using Padlet.

**Possible Environments and Why:** This would be a teacher tool. The teacher can use padlet to supplement their lessons by creating interesting handouts, presentations, or boards. They could use it to create graphic organizers or use it to show information in a sequence. It could also be used in a single user environment or a small group environment, depending on how the teacher wanted it to be used and what the assignment was.

**Cost:** There is a free version, but this version only comes with the ability to create three padlets and 10 MB of storage, and also has ads and only standard support. The Pro version costs \$8.33 a month. It comes with the ability to create

unlimited padlets, has 250 MB of storage, no ads, priority support, and you can create folders within the app.

**Paragraph Describing App:** Padlet can be used for so many different activities. The app description says, "It works like a piece of paper. We give you an empty page – a padlet – and you can put whatever you like on it." Padlet gives you a platform to organize information in any way that you would like: videos, lists, pictures, textboxes, etc. Not only can you create your own padlets for your own purposes, but you can also explore padlets that other people have created in the gallery. However, it is not easy to find specific information in the gallery if you need something super content specific. You can also copy the link to your padlet, create a QR code, embed your padlet into other platforms, open it in another browser, and export your padlet in a variety of ways.

**Impressions of Software:**

The app easy fun to look at and inviting to the users, but we feel that the software could be easier to use. Some of it is a little difficult to navigate to. Overall, we really enjoyed the software. We like how you can organize information in visually appealing ways and present information in creative ways. We also like how you can be creative with how you choose to use Padlet. We like how students can also do the same. We just feel that it would be easier for both students and teachers to share and collaborate with each other on another platform.

**Does it pass APPS:** Yes, we would say that this app passes. We would recommend teachers using it in their classroom. While we still feel that other programs might be better, it really depends on a teacher's personal opinion and what they plan to do with the app.