

Padlet

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Target Audience

The age rating is 4+, but we believe that it is suitable for grades first and up because kindergarteners do not have the proper keyboarding skills. We think that this type of software would be best as a tool. We think this because it allows students to organize information while being hands-on and creative in the classroom.

Curriculum

We think that the app could be used in the classroom for brainstorming, polls/voting, and group activities. This could be used in the classroom as a teacher tool, with a single user, small group, and even in a mobile environment. The students can post responses, view the responses of others, and also complete assignments through the teacher uploading files.

Cost

There is a basic version, which is a lite version. The app has an in-app purchase of the pro version, which is \$8.33 per month. On the basic version of the app, the user is allowed to create 3 padlets and there are ads. On the pro version of the app, the user gets to create unlimited padlets, gets 250 MB in file memory, there are no ads, and they have priority support. There were no costs for different licenses available; Padlet requires children to use the site with the supervision of a parent or guardian.

Software

Padlet is an app that allows teachers and students to create charts, upload assignments, take polls, and collaborate together. This app is an advantage because instead of having information presented to you only, users can create their own. Students can plan for essays, projects, and virtually complete assignments in a way that is creative. Teachers can use this app for receiving student feedback and organizing resources. Because of the users' ability to create, we believe this software is a tool.

If the user creates an account, the software opens to a screen which allows the user to make padlets, join other padlets, look at a gallery of padlets, or search for certain padlets. If a user chooses to make a padlet, it gives him or her many options for templates or starting with blank pages. If the user chooses a template, it places boxes where certain information needs to go and the user just places that information in the correct spot. The user can also add to the templates and make it his or her own with wallpapers, themes, icons, and font styles.

Impressions

We think that the software could be used in group projects, as assessments, and for teachers to receive feedback from their students for things such as: how effective lessons are, polls on class rewards, polls on class readings, etc. Students can also create individual projects such as book reviews, research papers, and KWL charts.

We thought that the navigation of the app was easy. We also thought that it was convenient because a teacher can monitor the students' work through his or her phone or other devices. The app automatically updated the "student's" version when the teacher updated it. We loved how you can make it your own by using pictures, polls, and organizing it in a way that works best for your class. On the basic version, there were only 3 padlets and not many decoration options. The app does not have sound. We think that the app could be more appealing if it had sound.

Does the software pass?

This app passes our evaluation. We think that this app could be very beneficial in many different ways, especially to the classroom. Padlet can be used for homework, group work, polling/voting, or in-class assignments. Padlet can also be used solely by teachers to either teach a lesson, create lessons, gather feedback from students, or organization of resources for the curriculum.

