

Evaluating Apps

Title: Padlet

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected 	yes		We did not expect for other people in the world to comment on my post.
Did the software crash?		No	The app never crashed, but it did take a while to load.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	Yes		The content was appropriate and it does meet the user's needs. There are some instances we think where this could be used in the classroom, but there are other apps out there that you could use instead of Padlet.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	yes		The designs on the app are very appealing to look at. They have cute little words on it that make the app positive for the user.
Is it easy to navigate?	yes		
Is it easy to learn?	yes		It took me a second to learn, but it is an easy app to figure out.
Does the user need Supervision to use	yes		We think the user would need supervision because you can post whatever you want on the app.

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<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>		N/A	
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	yes		<p>There were many things about padlet that made the app more interesting to be on and look at. This definitely adds an enhancement to the app. We think this should be there.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>		no	<p>It was cool and all, but this is something that you can just write down on paper, and it is probably not the best app for children.</p>
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 		It is free	<p>You have to pay for things in the app for the pro membership.</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	yes		<p>For the pro plan per month, you have to pay \$8.33, and for the pro annual plan, it costs \$12.99.</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>Compared to other apps, this would be harder for elementary students to use.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			<p>As a teacher, this app would be useful to post homework assignments or notes for the class. Kind of like a discussion board. We think this app would be handy and useful for older students, but it would be harder to use this</p>

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	app to teach elementary students.
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Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	yes		The educational focus of this app is to let users post on a "bulletin-board" type of wall whatever they would like. This could be used to projects, assignments, or note taking. This is a great tool to use for a child's development and learning.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	yes		You are able to post whatever you want and look at anyone's work that is shared with the public. You are able to use your skills to your ability.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		no	This app was not bias in any form. It meets the social and cultural needs.