

Evaluating Apps

Title: Brainpop

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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 	X		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		Brainpop has a large variety of lessons for a range of topics. Meets a large age group.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	X		There are great graphics that really catch the users eye.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		Is sectioned into different subjects and areas or topics.
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		Quizzes are pre-made. And all follow the same structure/pattern to not confuse users. When taking the quiz the robot will appear and shake his head if the answer is wrong. This is not discouraging and keeps students focused! If you get

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			it right he nods his head and smiles. This is encouraging to students.
<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? 	x		A large variety of educational videos and quizzes to go along.
Did you like using the App?	X		Yes, so fun!
<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 	X		It was free but you could purchase a 2.99 or 6.99 per month version.
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	N/A
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?	X		I remember growing up with this website, so I love it to death.
Additional Comments			

Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 			
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 			
<p>Social/Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 			

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