

SmartPhone App Evaluation

Step One: Identify What Kind of App You'd Like to Use

- Instructional design
 - Does the app support your teaching goals?
 - Does it meet students learning expectations?
 - Does it include interactive features that allow for feedback, assessment and reflection?

Step Two: Find a Quality App and Test It

- Engagement
 - Does the app have an intuitive interface?
 - Is it user friendly?
 - 'Does the app open new ways to learn?'
- Developmental appropriateness
 - Is the app's content appropriate for the intended age group?
 - Does it have an age-appropriate interface?
 - 'Does the design appeal to the intended level?'
- Motivation
 - Is the app's content inviting and relevant for the intended grade level ?
 - Does it include gaming principles and motivating methods?
 - Does it help students connect learning with their lifeworld experiences (e.g via GPS, Bluetooth, or Wi-Fi).

Step Three: Make Sure the App Connects with Your Lesson

- Accessibility
 - Does the app multiple learning styles?
 - Does the app include personalization features?
 - 'Does the app include a range of levels for a variety of users with differing skill levels?'

Student App Review Rubric

Reviewer: _____

App Reviewed: _____



	4	3	2	1	0	Score
Appeal: Looks & Sounds	Excellent graphics and sound. Very appealing. Enhanced my experience.	Good graphics and sounds. Enhanced my learning.	Average sound and graphics. Limited appeal, but a little distracting.	Low quality graphics and sounds. Distracted from app's purpose.	Boring and unappealing.	
Engagement/ Motivation	This app kept me highly motivated and engaged throughout my time with it.	This kept me motivated and engaged most of the time.	Somewhat engaging, but lost motivation after a short time.	Barely motivated.	Boring	
User Friendly Directions & Instructions	Very easy to learn and directions are clear and simple to follow	Easy to learn and direction can be followed.	Kind of difficult to learn. Directions are limited.	Very complex to learn. No directions available	What am I supposed to do with this app?	
Performance/ Ease of Use	Performs and loads quickly. No issues and very reliable	Performs and Loads quickly. Some minor technical issues.	Loads and performs slowly. Sometimes Crashes.	Crashes fairly often and takes multiple times to open.	Won't open. Won't run. Filled with bugs.	
Differentiation in Learning	I can customize the app for myself. Four or more levels difficulty	Some customization. Three levels of difficulty	Little customization and two levels of difficulty.	No customization and one level of difficulty.	Ugghhhh.	

Scoring: **Great** 20-17 **Good** 16-13 **Average** 12-10 **Needs Work** 9-6 **BAD** 5-0

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Total

Highlight: _____

Lowligh: _____