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## CRITICAL EVALUATION OF A CONTENT-BASED MOBILE APP

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What is the title of the app? \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Creator of the app \_\_\_\_\_ iTunes URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Content area(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Content and components of the app</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Curriculum connection:</b> Are the skills reinforced connected to targeted skill/concept?		
<b>Authenticity:</b> Are skills practiced in an authentic format/problem-based environment?		
<b>Feedback:</b> Is feedback specific and result in improved student performance?		
<b>Differentiation:</b> Does the app offers flexibility to alter settings to meet student needs?		
<b>User friendliness:</b> Can students launch and navigate within the app independently?		
<b>Student motivation:</b> Are students motivated to use the app and select it to use often?		
<b>Reporting:</b> Is assessment/summary data available electronically to the student/teacher?		
<b>Sound:</b> Does the music/sound in the app add to the educational aspects of the content?		
<b>Instructions:</b> Are the instructions included within the app helpful to the student?		
<b>Support page:</b> Does the app's supporting Web page provide additional useful information?		

**Level(s) of Bloom's Taxonomy addressed with this app (check all that apply)**

Remembering  
  Understanding  
  Applying  
  Analyzing  
  Evaluating  
  Creating

<b>Summary of the app</b>							
Using the data you have collected above, explain why you would or would not recommend this application for use in the classroom. Include any specific ideas you have for its use.							
iTunes Application Ratings (click on ratings while in the App Store to learn more)	4+		9+		12+		17+