

Teaching Apps Review Template

Name: Instagrok

Rating: 5 stars ★★★★★



Link: <http://www.instagrok.com/>

SUMMARY:

Instagrok is a child friendly research engine for learning and sharing information. It finds quality educational materials on any topic and presents the information visually in a mind map. This interactive tool helps students to develop their research skills.

Criteria	Explanation	Review comments
Accessibility	Will all the students have the necessary equipment to use it? Will it work across all / most mobile platforms and also work within a desktop web browser? Do students need to register to use it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a web based tool and is available as an app as well • Students need to create an instagrok account • Very simple to use. It is self-explanatory
User-friendly	Will students be able to learn how to use it reasonably quickly?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is simple to explain, set up and get going in the classroom • For ideas on how to use it in the classroom, click here
Cost	Is it free or affordable? Are there any hidden costs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • No hidden costs
Personalisation	Does the app enable user to express some aspect of who they are and what they believe?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tool is designed for students to develop their research and curation skills. Students can research their particular interests. They are able to personalise the graph by pinning artefacts to it • Once the topic is selected the student is presented with key facts, educational websites, videos and images. They are able to dive deeper into anyone of these and pin anything of interest to create their own research board of the topic
Communication	Does it support interaction and communication between users?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can record their ideas and understandings in the built-in journal. They are able to share their work using the share button
Assessment	Is the work on the app assessable by the teacher? Does the app support the delivery of teacher response and feedback?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher is able to track individual student's progress using the teachers dashboard • Instagrok also creates quizzes automatically based on the topic being searched by the student

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Collaborative	Does the app support collaboration between users?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instagrok is not specifically designed for collaboration but is able to be used to support collaborative inquiries in the classroom
Context	In what contexts would the app be useful? For whom is the app more useful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is useful across all learning areas where research is required. By using this tool students will naturally develop their research and curation skills in a fun and interactive way