Summary of Apps Reviewed

Contributor	App Name	Summary	Verdict
Chiara	Book Creator	Book creator allows students to write stories and gather pictures by copying/pasting or taking a picture within the app. Students can audio record their voice and add videos as well.	Book creator is highly motivating because students can create their own story using an abundance of different features.
Chiara	Prodigy	Prodigy is a math game that definitely aligns with curriculum expectations. Teachers have the ability to override curriculum levels and assign students questions from math strands/concepts that are being covered in class. Prodigy is highly engaging as you earn points for getting correct answers.	Prodigy is wonderful for assessment purposes because you can view reports and see what questions students got incorrect/correct and what concepts students have mastered or are struggling on.
Chiara	Mathletics	Mathletics is a math game that aligns with curriculum expectations. Teachers can assign certain math strands and grade levels to students.	Mathletics is engaging in the sense that you can play different people around the world. However, the actually game is not the most engaging. It would benefit from adding some kind of a points system.
Katie T	Overthetop.com	Grade 10 history supplement; video game format	4/5
Katie T	Career Cruiser	Supports Grade 10 Civics & Careers - program to build self-awareness, explore options, create plans for the future.	4.5/5
Katie T	Samuel French Right on Cue Services	Musical theatre licensing?	3.5/5
Katie G	Prodigy	Featuring over 50,000 questions spanning Grades 1 - 8 in 4 different curricula, players will get to watch their very own wizard grow stronger, learn new spells and acquire new equipment while facing ever more powerful opponents, all by answering math questions!	Prodigy meets all of my criteria for using this program within a classroom. The program follows the Ontario curriculum and meets the individual needs of the students. What I like best about this program is the high privacy, no advertisements and that the teacher can set-up the necessary programs for what each individual student needs. It is a great way for differentiated instruction. I have seen this program in action at

			schools and it is very efficient and students love playing it. They enjoy the challenge the program offers.

Katie G	Dreambox	An interactive math program for K-8.
		~It:
		  -adapts to the individual learner
		  -Personalizes instruction from intervention through enrichment
		  -develops skills and closes the gaps
		  - integrates assessment with instruction
		  -aligns to standards
		  -provides professional development for teachers
			Dreambox meets my criteria checklist for incorporating this program into the classroom. I have heard many teachers rave about this program as it boosts students confidence and works with each individual student on what they specifically need to improve or review in mathematics. All strands of the mathematics curriculum are being met with this program. This program is also another one that is fabulous for differentiated instruction.

Katie G	Teach your Monster to Read	~It is a free online program that helps students work on phonics and learning how to read	This program meets the my criteria list. Students love to play this game as they achieve prizes and monsters for accomplishing tasks. It is very interactive and allows students who have difficulties with reading to learn and to see their progress throughout the program. Low achieving students, middle and high achieving students can all use this site as it has three different levels. Once the student has an account set up by the teacher, they can access it from any computer. It is a great program to reinforce sounds and letters in young elementary classrooms.
Stephanie	Raz Kids	Raz Kids is an online reading program for primary students.	I find that this website corresponds to all of my key criteria.
Stephanie	Go Noodle	Go Noodle is a DPA website for students. You could also use it to cover some Phys Ed and Music and Dance expectations.	This website corresponds to most of my criteria. I have to say that it has been a real life saver on days where students need to get that extra bit of energy out before moving forward with a task.
Stephanie	Kid Rex	Kid Rex is a search engine for kids. It is exactly like Google but it filters all of the inappropriate information that students can land on.	This website definitely corresponds to my safety criteria and it also corresponds with the rest of my criteria. Giving students the opportunity to pick what they want to

			learn more about definitely engages them in their learning.
Heather	Desmos	Desmos is an online graphing app that allows students create and graph mathematical functions of many different varieties. It can be used with many different types of data input and outputs. It also has an activity centre where a teacher can access many valuable interactive resources to use with students of many different grade levels.	. It is appropriate for grade 9-12. It is quite user friendly and there is excellent online tutorial and help menu for students and teachers to access.
Heather	Geogebra	Geogebra is an online graphing app that allows students to create and graph mathematical functions.	It is very much like Desmos, however, it does not have as good a help menu or tutorial and It doesn't have as many already created activities. Geogebra lis appropriate for grades 9-12 and is quite user friendly because it has a very similar layout to Microsoft Excel.
Heather	Converter	Converter is an app that converts just about anything you could want from metric to imperial or vise versa	. This app meets expectations in the secondary applied level curriculum. It is appropriate for students in grades 9-12 to use and is extremely user friendly.
Chi	Kahoot	Kahoot is an online interactive free assessment program that allows you to create a quiz, discussion and survey and the students to use their cell phones, iPads, or computers to answer the quiz, discussion and survey.	Kahoot, SurveyMonkey and Khan Academy meet most of my criteria, which are summarized in the table below. The only two criteria that are missing from all three online programs are instant messaging capability like Twitter that supports online discussion, as well as a submission dropbox capability with Turnitin that allows the students to submit their work.
Chi	Survey Monkey	SurveyMonkey is an online interactive program that allows you to create a survey, allow others to take the survey, and analyze the survey.	Kahoot, SurveyMonkey and Khan Academy meet most of my criteria, which are summarized in the table below. The only two criteria that are missing from all three online programs are instant messaging capability like Twitter that supports online discussion, as well as a submission dropbox capability with

			Turnitin that allows the students to submit their work.
Chi	[Khan Academy](#)	Khan Academy is an online program as well as an Android App that have over 10,000 videos and explanations in math, science, economics, history, and more.	Kahoot, SurveyMonkey and Khan Academy meet most of my criteria, which are summarized in the table below. The only two criteria that are missing from all three online programs are instant messaging capability like Twitter that supports online discussion, as well as a submission dropbox capability with Turnitin that allows the students to submit their work.
Jen	[Word Reference](#)	- excellent online multilingual dictionary with several languages - verb conjugators - language forums for asking specific questions	Although it does not fulfill all of my criteria, my experience with the site makes it my go-to language-learning resource. I prefer this site over Google Translate because it still requires the students to think about context and meaning, rather than simply providing a translation.
Jen	[Canva](#)	- online presentation, poster, graphic design software - "Empowering the world to design"	I used this program for the first time today, while making this presentation. I really enjoyed it and love the potential for students (and me!) to create beautiful work. I can see a lot of potential for using Canva in a classroom setting, as it can be used for any number of content creation applications.
Jen	[Pear Deck](#)	- interactive presentation software	Although I haven't yet used Pear Deck, I've seen it presented and I really want to try it out. I think that the interactivity of it makes it a fabulous way to make a traditional slide show much more engaging and meaningful for assessing student progress and learning.
Jessica	[Kahoot](#)	Online quiz software	Great for any subject; timed questions so not good for problem solving-type questions
Jessica	[Socrative](#)	Online quiz software	Great for any subject

Jessica	sporcle.com	Online quiz software	Slightly more difficult to create quizzes; can import media
Gabriela	Phet Interactive Simulations	Interactive simulations for math, physics & biology	The apps are very interesting: by changing various parameters, students can get the answer to their 'what if?"s. In doing that, they are encouraged to inquire and discover.
Gabriela	MSTE Online Resource Catalog		
Gabriela	Francais Facile	Francais Facile and French Games provide practice questions as well as tests with instantaneous feedback. They are addressed mainly to beginner and intermediate-level students	They offer a good variety of games that help students enhance their vocabulary, practice spelling and grammar in a fun way.
Gabriela	Reverso	complete online dictionary, allowing students to understand the meaning of a word by using it in a sentence, in an expression, or simply by listing a set of synonyms.	
Gabriela	French games	Francais Facile and French Games provide practice questions as well as tests with instantaneous feedback. They are addressed mainly to beginner and intermediate-level students	
Anthony	Desmos	Whether it is algebra, quadratics, linear and non- linear equations, Desmos is an online classroom activity platform that allows teachers and students to create an account and access simulated activities with math concepts. The platform allows teachers to design and create/share activities with other facilitators. Students can learn at their own pace and practice what they have been learning.	Fulfills all criteria
Anthony	Adobe Creative Cloud	Similar to the Adobe software, Adobe creative cloud allows users to log in from anywhere (internet accessible) and from a wide variety of personal and mobile devices.	Fulfills all criteria
Anthony	Stop Motion Studio	Students can create beautiful stop motion animated videos on a personal device or	Fulfills all criteria

		ipad. It is a simple program that allows students to demonstrate their creativity and share their story.	
Michael	Raz-kids	Raz-Kids is a common program used by primary/junior teachers for levelled reading.	
Michael	Prodigy	It is a free role-playing game that prompts the student to answer math questions based on their current ability.	
Michael	Google Docs	I have used Google Docs as a student and a teacher. As a student, I can collaborate with peers to create documents in real time. I can see what others have contributed, edited and commented on. As a teacher, I can use Google Docs to facilitate a collaborative environment where students can work together using more than one device and work on a given task as long as there's an Internet connection.	Hits all five criteria.
Keshia	Kahoot.it	This is a game-based site that allows the teacher to create surveys and questionnaires to assess students. The students are able to login using any device they have available (as long as it is connected to the internet)	
Keshia	TFO.org	This website has several short videos and games for students to explore. This is a Canadian site that supports aspects of the Ontario curriculum.	
Keshia	QUIA French	This website allows students to practice simple vocabulary, verb tenses, and simple phrases.	

Summary of Assessment Criteria

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Chiara	- Does it align with curriculum expectations? - Is it engaging with various added features for support (voice recording, visual aids, etc.)? - Am I able to differentiate? (Change settings to meet the needs of all students) - Can I use the app for assessment purposes?

	• Will it motivate students?
Katie T	1) The legitimacy/provider of the program. 2) The cost to the board. 3) Relation to curriculum. 4) Does this program allow for clear expectations to be set? 5) Student engagement potential/relevancy.
Katie G	1.What purpose does the program serve? 2.Is the privacy of students protected? 3.Is the program easily accessible and straight forward to use? 4.Are there any advertisements? 5.What references and resources are used?
Stephanie	· Are the websites or applications safe and age appropriate for my students? · Do my websites or applications correspond to the curriculum expectations? · Do they offer opportunities for my students to enhance their learning? · Are my students engaged and motivated to learn? · Are they purposeful according to what we are learning in class?
Heather	· Does the program match with the curriculum expectations I am hoping the students will master · What is the cost for the app or program · Is the program appropriate to the grade level I will be using it for · Is the program user friendly/easy to use · Can I customize any parts of the program or materials to help them fit more seamlessly into my teaching environment · Is it a program the students may be familiar with already and/or something they may use outside of school · Can I or my students save work for future reference and/or can it be transferred to another device
Chi	• Easy to register, download, install, set up and use • Low cost (no license expiry) • Logon capability with password for security • Technical support / online support documentation • Instant messaging capability like Twitter that supports in-class discussion • Submission dropbox capability with Turnitin support that allows students to submit work • Assessment creation or taking with the auto-marking capability and instant feedback • Supporting the curriculum expectations of various subjects
Jen	- Does it provide a better learning experience than the analog alternative? - Is it interactive or does it simply allow for content acquisition? - Does it have a singular purpose or can it be used for a variety of purposes? - If it contains subject-specific content, does it provide accurate information? Does it come from a trustworthy source? - Is there a way for the teacher to monitor or track student work & progress?

	- Is there a way to use it collaboratively? - Is it platform specific? - Can students log in with their existing Google account or do they have to create a new account (and keep track of another password)? - Is it user-friendly and intuitive or will it take a lot of class time for students to learn? - Is there a potential for inappropriate behaviour when using the app/program? - Who is the developer? Are they trustworthy? - Is there advertising or is there a paid version available in order to avoid advertising? - Can student work stay private or does the free version mean that their work must be public? (If yes, does the task require identifying details from the student?
Jessica	Student Interaction Easy-to-Use Assessment of Progress Cost Curriculum Connections
Gabriela	- Does it offer the necessary information that will help the students master the concept at least at the level required by the curriculum? - Is it reliable? - Will the students find it too easy/boring, or too difficult/inaccessible? - Is the information presented very particular or very general? - Will the program make the students think and inquire? - Is it attractive for the students?
Anthony	- Is the software or app appropriate for the diversity of all learners and does it engage students? - Is the software or app meaningful and applicable to curriculum? - Cost and compatibility with the current classroom equipment - Does it allow the teacher to overlook student progress and provide ongoing descriptive feedback? - Can the program or app provide opportunity to collaborate with peers?
Michael	1. The program offers a personalized experience to every student. 2. The student is engaging with content in ways that wouldn't be possible without the program. 3. The student is able to create something that they are proud to share. 4. The program offers ways to collaborate with peers. 5. The program shows me what the students are doing and how well are they performing.
Keshia	Is this program student- and teacher- friendly? Can it be accessed from a variety of devices? (Android, Apple, etc.) Sites may be accessed from home May be modified/personalized by the teacher Is this site enhancing the students' learning by providing higher-level thinking?