Student Testimonials (Complete)

Akshina Gupta
Grade 9

What do you personally think of this application?

I think it is actually a really effective application cause a lot of the time when I am trying to pay attention to what the teacher said I completely forget to copy down the teachers' notes for later reference or I accidentally copy them down wrong. It has happened to me many times when I am looking back at my notes, I have found a entire topic missing.

As a student, what do you think the value of this application is? What can you do with this application that traditional notetaking methods cannot do?

More interactive note taking is possible. Like for example when solving a graphing problem the teacher when explaining the answer draws his graph in the same spot as mine which acts as immediate verification. Additionally I save a lot of time not copying down the teachers notes cause that is usually a huge chunk of my notes so it is easier for me to pay attention.

William Johnson
Grade 11

What do you personally think of this application?

I really liked how i did not have to rewrite my teachers notes, it maximized my efficiency because it allowed me to pay more attention to my teachers instead of writing down notes.

As a student, what do you think the value of this application is? What can you do with this application that traditional notetaking methods cannot do?

I think it is very valuable, as I said above it maximized my efficiency, and has the potential to become something very special. In addition to the fact that it allows me to pay attention more, I like how it has the electronic component, so it is impossible to lose the notes.

Hunter Conti
Grade 11

What do you personally think of this application?

I love this application. I love not having to recopy every math problem and instead have it right there to annotate. It allows me to focus less on just the steps of the problem and more on the concepts behind each problem.

As a student, what do you think the value of this application is? What can you do with this application that traditional notetaking methods cannot do?

This app allows you to be more efficient with your learning. Rather than focusing on getting the exact problem down, you can just focus on the concepts, seeing how the problem works, and what common themes about that certain problem can be applied to others. I really feel more immersed in class. Instead of just copying everything down like a note-taking robot, I can actually just watch, listen, and absorb the material much better than if I was crammed for time copying all the notes. Additionally, this app allows me to focus on annotating the problem and highlighting the parts that are more difficult to me.

Sam Schuman
Grade 11

What do you personally think of this application?

I truly liked this application a lot. I found it very useful for having both your own notes and the teachers, plus it was pretty easy to use. It is also much more organized than having a binder full of notes here nd there. If i needed to find something we had previously done it was easy to find.

As a student, what do you think the value of this application is? What can you do with this application that traditional notetaking methods cannot do?

It definitely makes learning and note taking more efficient because the student will take much less time copying what the teacher writes down. This leaves more time for the student to learn and comprehend the subject. It also leaves more time for the student to listen to what the teacher says and to do practice problems

Kathleen Zhu
Grade 12

What do you personally think of this application?

I liked it. I didn't think I would, because traditionally I've been a very much paper and pen focused sort of note taker; I enjoy physically writing and producing notes. That said, I must admit that I didn't have many qualms with this style of note taking. It was refreshing, easy to use, interactive, and kind of fun.

As a student, what do you think the value of this application is? What can you do with this application that traditional notetaking methods cannot do?

I like all the functions that are simple in the application but difficult to use with traditional note-taking methods. For one, I'm a huge pen user, but mistakes are extremely troublesome to deal with. Crossing them out is just unsightly on paper and white-out is too messy. With one tap of the undo, all that vanishes, and you're able to create a spotless sheet of work every single time. I also like all the different colors to choose from, because I'm a fan of color coding my notes or just writing in different colors to keep my interest in a subject, and it's difficult to continuously switch between pens, but very easy to do in the application. There's also a cool connection that you make with your teacher. It's hard to explain, but generally in a classroom, all the students look up at the blackboard to receive information on what the teacher is writing. And transcribes it in their notes. There's almost a bit of disconnect, one board, twenty-something students. However, using

the application, the teacher's notes appear simultaneously on your own ipad, making the experience all the more personal.

Derek Hong
Grade 12

What do you personally think of this application?

It's really the first of its kind that I've used. I like it because it was like my own personal smart board that automatically drew what the teacher presented. The controls were simple and the use of the application was intuitive. It took getting used to since I don't take notes on a tablet in the first place, but given more time, I could see this application being of great benefit.

As a student, what do you think the value of this application is? What can you do with this application that traditional notetaking methods cannot do?

It makes note taking more efficient and less time consuming. For example, when the teacher puts an example on the board, I normally have to copy down that example and then its solution. For physics, chem, and math, copying down the equation itself can take a while since by the time I finish copying down one step, we are already one step past that one.

Teacher Testimonials (Complete)

Mr. Charles Coe
Science Department Chair at The Pingry School

As a teacher, what do you think the value of this application is?

It allows students to do what they should during a teacher-directed presentation--focus on understanding, rather than copying what is written on the board. It also enables students to customize their note-taking by making annotations on the teacher's notes, emphasizing what was interesting, confusing, or important to them.

As a teacher, how can this application help you to teach better? What can you do with this application that traditional teaching methods cannot do?

One of the strongest attractions of the app at this point is that students were immediately engaged because of their natural interest in technology. If that engagement continues with repeated usages, that enables me to be more effective as a teacher. I also like the fact that I can float around the classroom while still "writing on the board".

Mrs. Jennifer Zagariello
Educational Technology Integrator at The Pingry School

As a teacher, what do you think the value of this application is?

The app allows for more meaningful interaction with the material being presented by the teacher. Because the students are not using all their working memory to copy down what the teacher is writing or drawing on the board, they have more capacity to add notes that are meaningful to them, think and ask questions, analyze and begin to synthesize the material.

As a teacher, how can this application help you to teach better? What can you do with this application that traditional teaching methods cannot do?

Teachers do not have to stay planted in the front of the room. This allows them to see how the students are interacting with the notes which can provide useful information about what students understand and where they are less sure. Because the students can spend more time processing information (and not mindless copying), the teacher can more precisely pace the flow of activities.

Technology Committee Testimonials (Complete)

Mr. Brian Burkhart

Director of Educational and Information Technology at The Pingry School

As a member of the Technology Committee, what do you think the value of this application is?

The key to this app is allowing students to make the teacher's board notes their own without having to waste time copying things down. Note-taking is really only effective if students can interact with the notes and this app helps make that happen in real time, rather than a student having to just copy what's on the board and then revisit it later.

Mr. Brad Poprik

Math Department Chair at The Pingry School

As a teacher, what do you think the value of this application is?

There are so many benefits to the students. First, the students are free from re-copying anything that the teacher writes on the board. It gives them the opportunity to focus on listening and comprehending and not furiously copying down notes. Second, the students CAN take their own notes and annotate their own interpretation of the class materials right next to the materials that the teacher is writing. So if something that the teacher says resonates with the student in a particular way, he/she can write down his notes effectively "on the board." The application makes note-taking a more interactive process with the board, not a copying exercise.

As a teacher, how can this application help you to teach better? What can you do with this application that traditional teaching methods cannot do?

1. I can focus on developing understanding. I don't have to focus on "copy this down."

2. I can give diagrams to students to write on in an organized manner, something that students sometimes struggle to develop on their own.

3. Students can share their work with the class by having their work projected the screen quickly.