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Peer Review of Zoho, by Amy Hissom

I chose to review all three components of Zoho tool at one time as to keep some consistency and self-understanding of the entire project between required sections of the Tool Assignment. I will be following the Tool Assignment Rubric for my review.

Zoho Tool Analysis Section

The analysis section included in Zoho was extremely informative. The definition or explanation of the tool was clear and concise as to its function and purpose, cost, requirements and primary features. The tool use was thoroughly described along with use of other features and tools such as PowerPoint or other office applications. The review of research articles was very well done and appears to be well researched. The examples of memory in learning were well documented and the many examples of learning, memory and use of multimedia were nicely cited. I could easily see the relation of the tool use to memory and use of technology and its importance in a learning environment. Several examples of the tool and its use as well as critiques were included that described both pros and cons of the tool while still addressing its overall importance to learning.   Beautifully done!

Tool Demonstration

I am attaching my URL for the demonstration portion here:

https://show.zoho.com/document.do?p_id=1256268000000005177&a_t=EDIT_DOCUMENT&TP=false&displayall=false

The demonstration portion was well done. Examples, tutorials and explanations were very clear. I have to admit I had a difficult time inserting the video as I often copy and paste and the feature would allow me to use the paste feature so I had to toggle between screens for the URL. The video link still did not show in the slide. This is most likely due to operator error as I have had the same issues with my own tool demonstration.   There were plenty of links to "helpful" tutorials and tips offered. All text was well written with no noticeable errors. This is very similar to PowerPoint but nice that it is web-based. I found the images helpful in navigating the Zoho website. I must admit I only attempted the assignment one time. Due to my lack of experience with this tool, a little practice would be advantageous. This tool has many features that are easy to use and you provided many tips or links to tutorials for more specific help such as embedding a video.

Tool Implementation

The description of the tool use is very nicely done. I like how this tool is similar to PowerPoint without the expense, having chat tools available, and knowing that this tool has mobility. Students can access this at anytime, anywhere and remain connected to teacher and peers regarding work. You have included quite a bit of information on classroom integration, modifications and lesson plans and curriculum standards. I did not see anything on tool assessment. I realize that this is a difficulty area to review. Have you found anything interesting to assess if this is a useful tool? With new technology, I recognize that assessments and research are not easy to find.

Overall, your Tool Assignment in all 3 areas is amazing. This web-based presentation was engaging, thorough and easy to navigate. It was very helpful to have other resources and additional links included as well as visual guides and tutorials. There were plenty of examples of how Zoho is influential in the classroom and how it supports learning. Thank you for sharing and encouraging me to attempt the challenge of utilizing this tool and using a web based program to complete my own. I will most likely use this tool again instead of PowerPoint, especially in my own future coursework.