

Screencasting with Educreations on the iPad

I spent about 25 minutes making a 9 minute recording. I would actually like to be able to speed up the resulting video to about half-again as fast as it is torturously slow to listen to (at least for me). I find I cannot write very fast on the screen.

1. Turn on iPad. The power switch is just behind the edge on the top-right corner when you hold the iPad in portrait orientation with the circular button with a square in it down.
2. Be patient. We shut them completely off to save battery power.
3. Swipe to the right when you are told to.
4. Tap on the Educreations icon in the bar running across the bottom of the screen.
5. Get rid of the orientation screen (or read through it if you like).
6. Tools
 - (a) writing - centered
 - i. crayon and eraser in the top row - current tool is blue - tap to change
 - ii. colors in second row - current color is circled - tap to change
 - iii. tapping a color automatically selects crayon
 - (b) audio recording - left, second row
 - (c) controlling the page - right
 - i. two rectangles with a plus sign: duplicating page
 - ii. rectangle with horizontal lines: choose paper type (unlined, lined, gridded, gridded w/ axes)
 - (d) undo and redo - curved-arrow icons top left - backward arrow is undo; forward arrow is redo what was just undone
7. When you are ready to begin recording, tap the red microphone button on the left side of the screen.
8. If you need more space, use the icon with the plus sign to create a new page (with or without drawing from the current page).
9. You can draw with the recording button off and everything will appear on-screen at once. You can pause the recording to add pages or draw a big chunk of material - perhaps copying results from a previous page so more can be done with them.
10. When your are finished, stop the recording. Then tap the top-left-most icon which looks like a rectangle with an arrow pointing left through it. This will take you to a screen where you make choices about where to save, titles, etc. You don't need to create and account, just select private and then skip (top left corner). You will be able to play this back in your iPad to share with the group. On the other hand, if you love what you did, you will need to create an Educreations account to get it off your iPad (which is only yours for the moment!).
11. Tap on your movie and play it back.
12. Tap on the black bar at the bottom of the screen at any time to jump through the video. You'll have to slide the dot and let go to see where you've ended up. You can pause playback at any time.
13. Editing: I think none exists.