How to Use Voicethread for Discussions

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Learning Objectives
Participants will be able to…

- Describe Voicethread
- Explain features of Voicethread
- Adjust personal account settings
- Setup Voicethread in their course
- Create a Voicethread
- Link to a Voicethread in their Course
How to Use Voicethread for Discussions
WHAT IS VOICETHREAD?
Use for…
- Introductions
- Discussion board
- Other…

- Multimedia discussion board
- Start with Powerpoint or Video
- Supports text, voice, and video
- Support annotations
See a Voicethread Discussion

- https://voicethread.com/share/11243944/
VOICETHREAD FEATURES
Types of Discussion

- Text
- Audio
- Video
Threaded Asynchronous Conversation

Main “Post”
Reply
Main “Post”
Reply
Main “Post”
MY VOICETHREAD ACCOUNT
# My Account - Info

![My Account - Info](image-url)

## Table

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![User Profile Dropdown](image-url)
My Account - Notifications
My Identities

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Options:
- My Account
- My Identities
- Manager
- Display Preferences
- ThreadBoxes
- Groups and Contacts
- Sign Out
Display Preferences

- Light
- Dark

Language:
English (US)

Accessibility:
Using a screen reader? Try switching to VoiceThread Universal

VoiceThread Standard Site
VoiceThread Universal

Cancel
Save
SETTING UP VOICETHREAD IN YOUR COURSE
Add Voicethread Tool
Add Tool to Content Area
Voicethread Options

ATTACHMENTS

Select Do Not Attach to remove a selected file.

Attach File

Browse My Computer  Browse Content Collection

GRADING

Enable Evaluation  Yes  No

* Points Possible

Visible to Students  Yes  No

Due Date

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Creates a Grade Center column
Availability

OPTIONS

Permit Users to View this Content  
Yes □ No □

Track Number of Views  
Yes □ No □

Select Date and Time Restrictions

☐ Display After:  
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

☐ Display Until:  
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Click Submit to proceed.
Click this Link

Every VT link must be initialized to indicate what function it will have.
Click Launch

ATTENTION!

The LTI launch will open a new tool.

Please click the Launch button to start VoiceThread.

Launch
What do we want THIS link to do?
Home button

Takes user to THEIR Home page
Not recommended
Course View Button

Takes user to THIS Course page
Not recommended EXCEPT
you may want a link available
ONLY to YOU for this!
Hide from students.
Individual VT Button

VoiceThread Setup

Course View

Individual VT

Takes user to the Voicethread you will choose. Recommended!
Assignment Builder Button

VoiceThread Setup

Course View

Home

Assignment Builder

Only appears if you Enable Evaluation but you don’t have to use it in order to Grade. Checks for submission of criteria.
Watch a Voicethread Assignment

Students get points for WATCHING a Voicethread
No discussion!
Comment on a Voicethread Assignment

Students get credit for COMMENTING on a Voicethread
Build a Voicethread Assignment

Students create and submit their own a Voicethread

More in Friday’s workshop
Select or Create a Voicethread

For Individual VT, Watch VT, Comment on VT
CREATE A VOICETHREAD
Step 1 – Add Media
Media Sources

- Files from your computer
- Sources
- Audio, Video, Photo
- File from Web
- Includes YouTube videos
File Types

- **Image Files**
  - JPEG, GIF, PNG, BMP

- **Presentation files**
  - PPT, Open Office, PDF

- **Documents**
  - PDF, Word, Excel, Open Office

- **Audio**
  - MP3 or WAV

- **Video**
  - Recommended: H.264 codec, 600x450 pixels

Uploaded Files must be less than 100Mb in size

Note: Animations, Transitions are not supported

Note: Landscape mode works best
Media Sources

Note: You must connect Voicethread to your GoogleDrive and Zoom accounts to use these features.
Step 2 - Comment
Types of Comments

Options for adding Comments

Text  Phone  Audio  Video  Upload
Advance to Next Slide
Options – Playback Settings

Thread Settings

- Enable threaded commenting
- Allow commenters to add slides to this VoiceThread
- Allow others to download original media
- Allow others to export
- Start playing when opened
- Don’t allow commenters to delete their own comments
- Limit each comment to 60 minutes 0 seconds
- When recording, go to the next slide every 0 minutes 20 seconds
- Automatically advance to the next slide after 4 seconds
- Limit each comment to 60 minutes 0 seconds
- When recording, go to the next slide every 0 minutes 20 seconds
- Pecha Kucha format
- Ignite format

Allowed Comment Methods
- Microphone
- Webcam
- Telephone
- File upload
- Text
Step 3 – Share with Class

This step is what makes this VT link to your Bb course.
WATCH AND COMMENT ASSIGNMENTS
Watch Assignment

Select VoiceThread

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Preview Edit Make a new copy to share

Description:

Create Assignment

and share with class
Allow students to resubmit assignment
Student View... Must Hit Submit

This assignment is auto-graded. Student earns points for watching entire VT and Submitting.
Comment Assignment
Student View... Must Leave Comments and Hit Submit

This assignment is not auto-graded. Instructor can review individual comments and grade accordingly.
Closed Captioning

Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content
Edit Captions

Request Captions

3Play Media via University of Rochester

Manage Captions

Edit captions
Download Remove
Caption Editor

- Start: 00:00:01.5 End: 00:00:05.4
  Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content

- Start: 00:00:05.4 End: 00:00:10.0
  Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content

- Start: 00:00:10.0 End: 00:00:14.1
  Content is important in an online

Save Captions
THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?
Evaluation

- [link](https://forms.gle/NaSBqVMyKHHVe1VM6)
More Workshops

http://rochester.edu/online-learning

- How to Facilitate Discussions
  - Wednesday, July 29, 12noon
- How to Manage the Grade Center
  - Monday, August 3, 12noon
Video Tutorials

- http://rochester.edu/online-learning/disruption/index.html