How to Use Voicethread for Discussions

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Learning Objectives
Participants will be able to…

- Describe a Voicethread
- Explain some features of Voicethread
- Setup Voicethread in their course
- Create a Voicethread
- Link to a Voicethread in their Course

WHAT IS VOICETHREAD?

Use for…

- Introductions
- Discussion board
- Other…

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

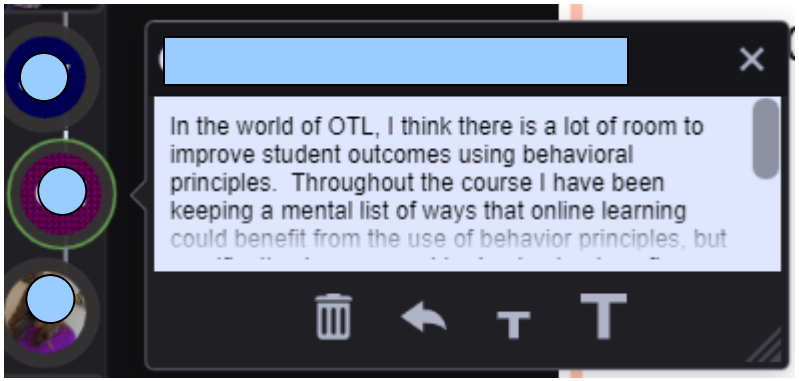
See a Voicethread Discussion

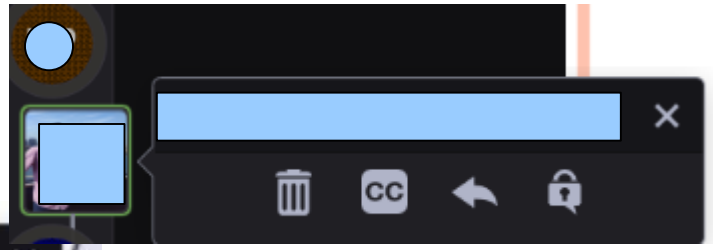
- https://voicethread.com/share/11243944/

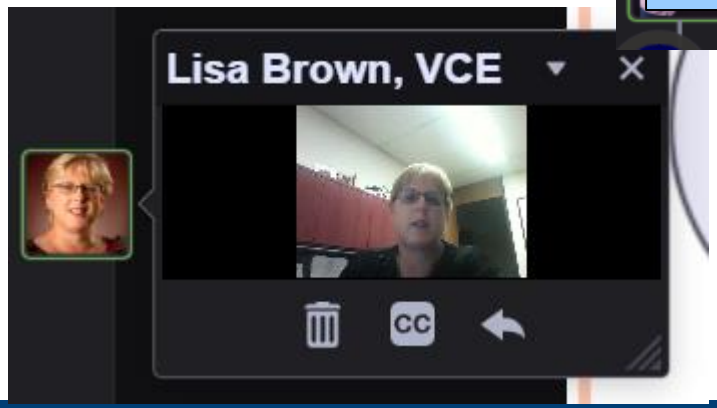
VOICETHREAD FEATURES

Types of Discussion

- Text
- Audio
- Video







Threaded Asynchronous Conversation

Main “Post”

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Reply

Main “Post”

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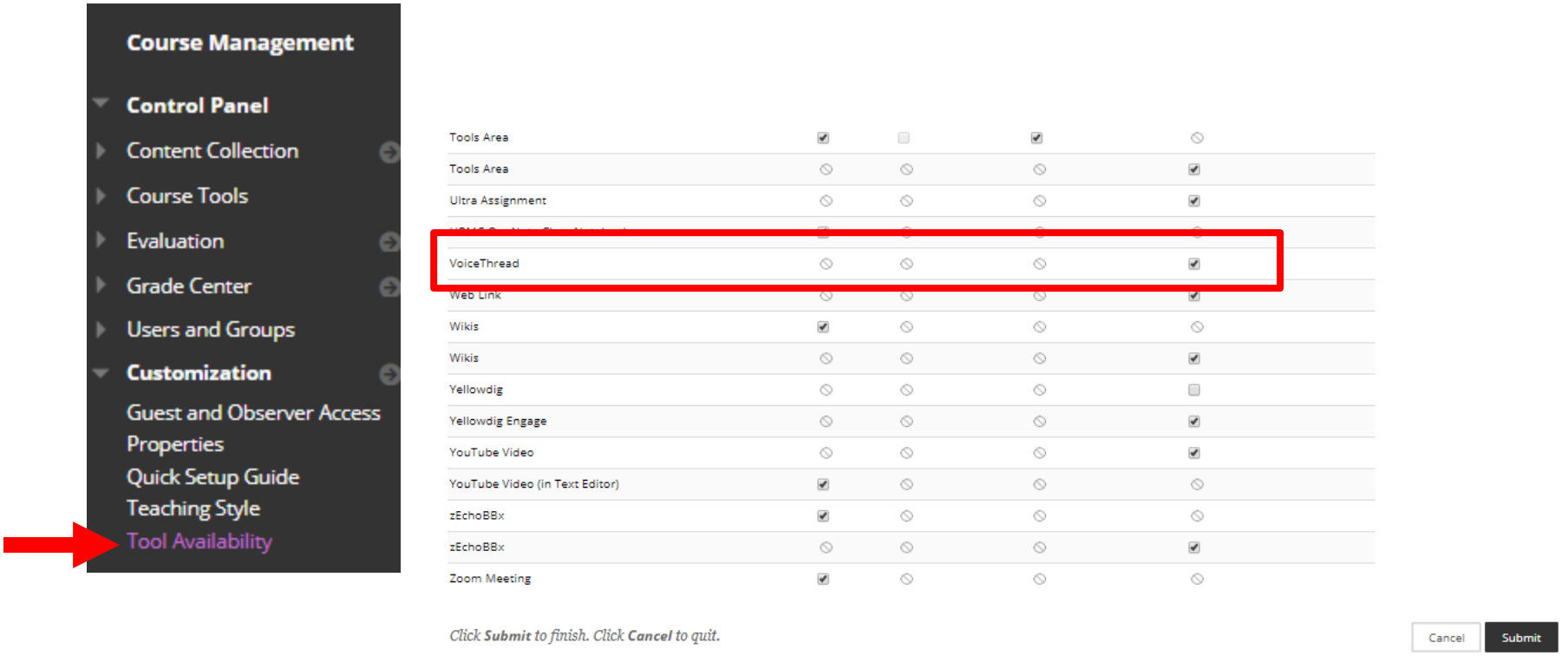
Main “Post”

SETTING UP VOICETHREAD IN YOUR COURSE

Add Voicethread Tool



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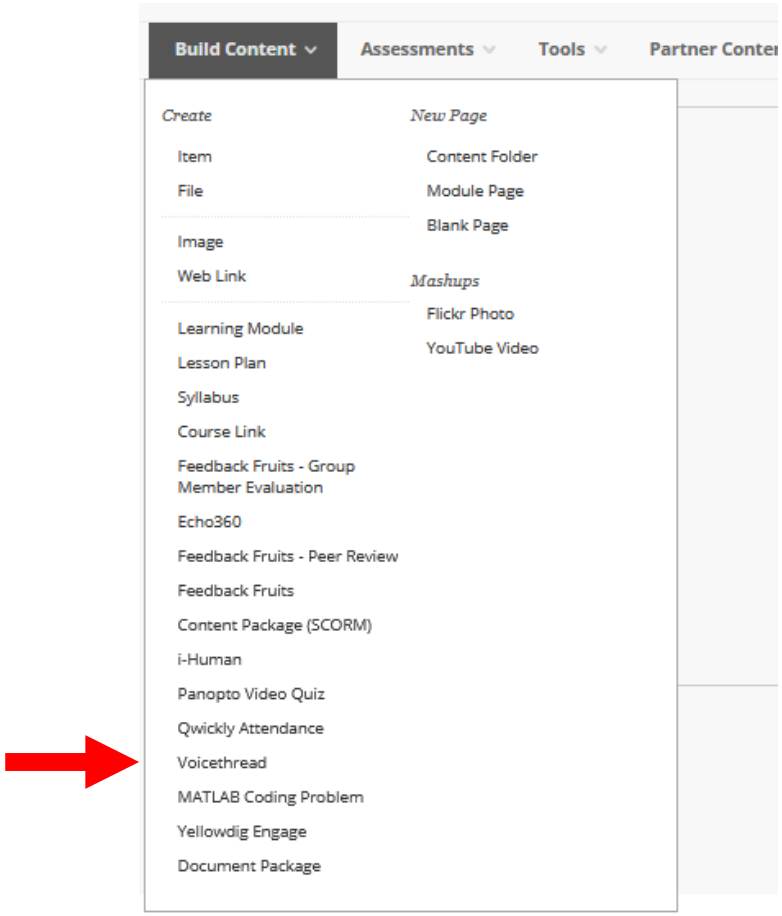

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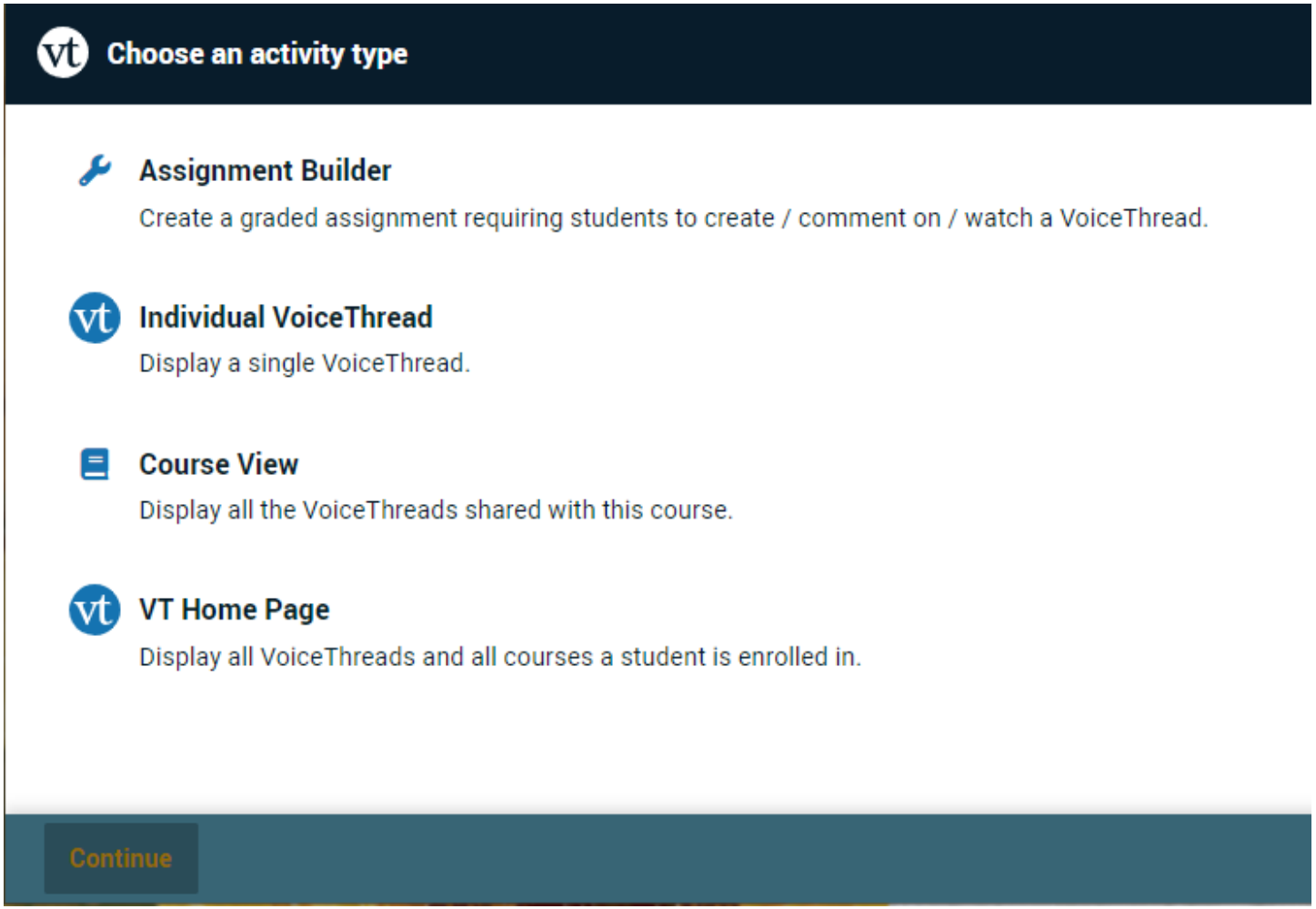

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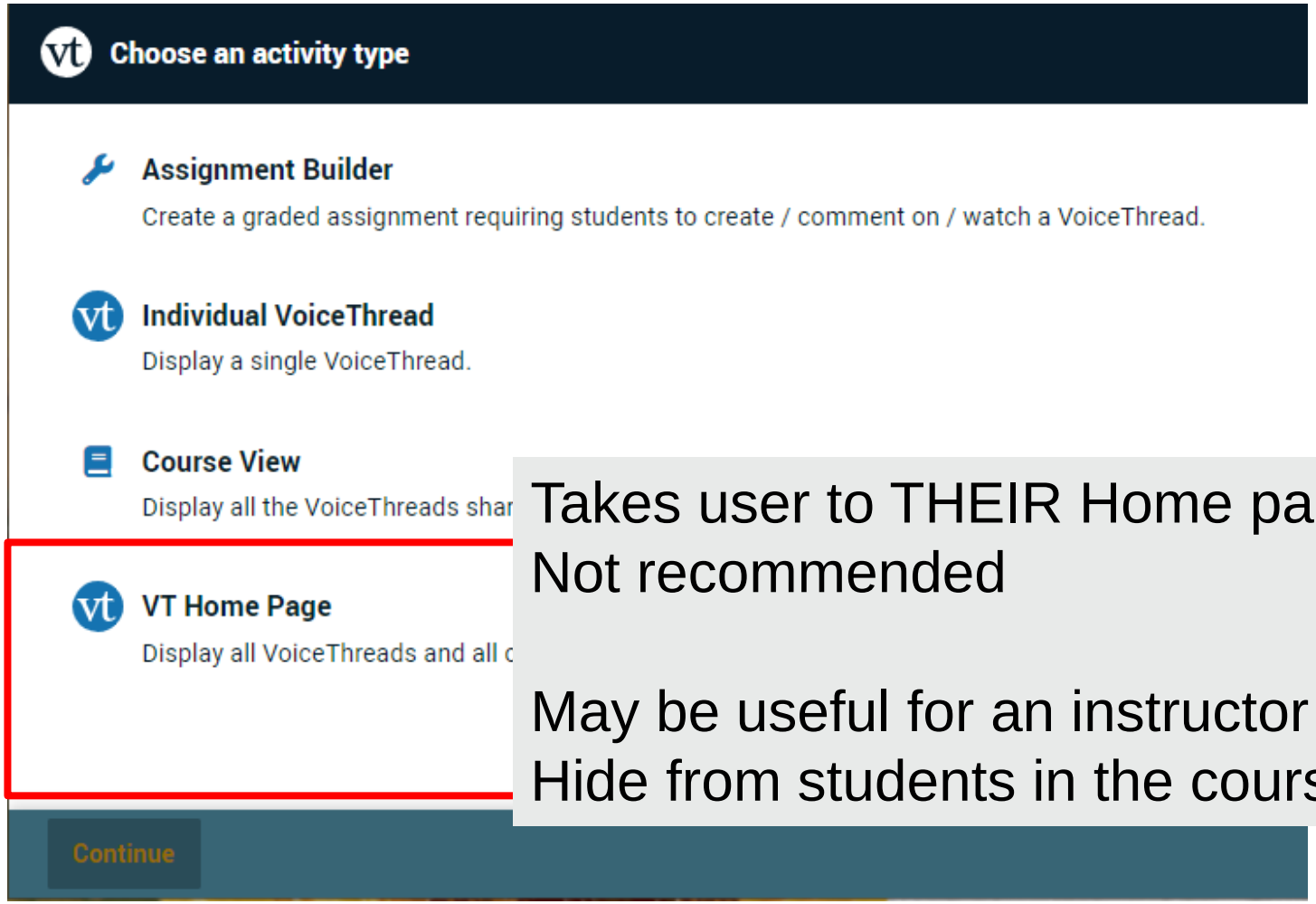
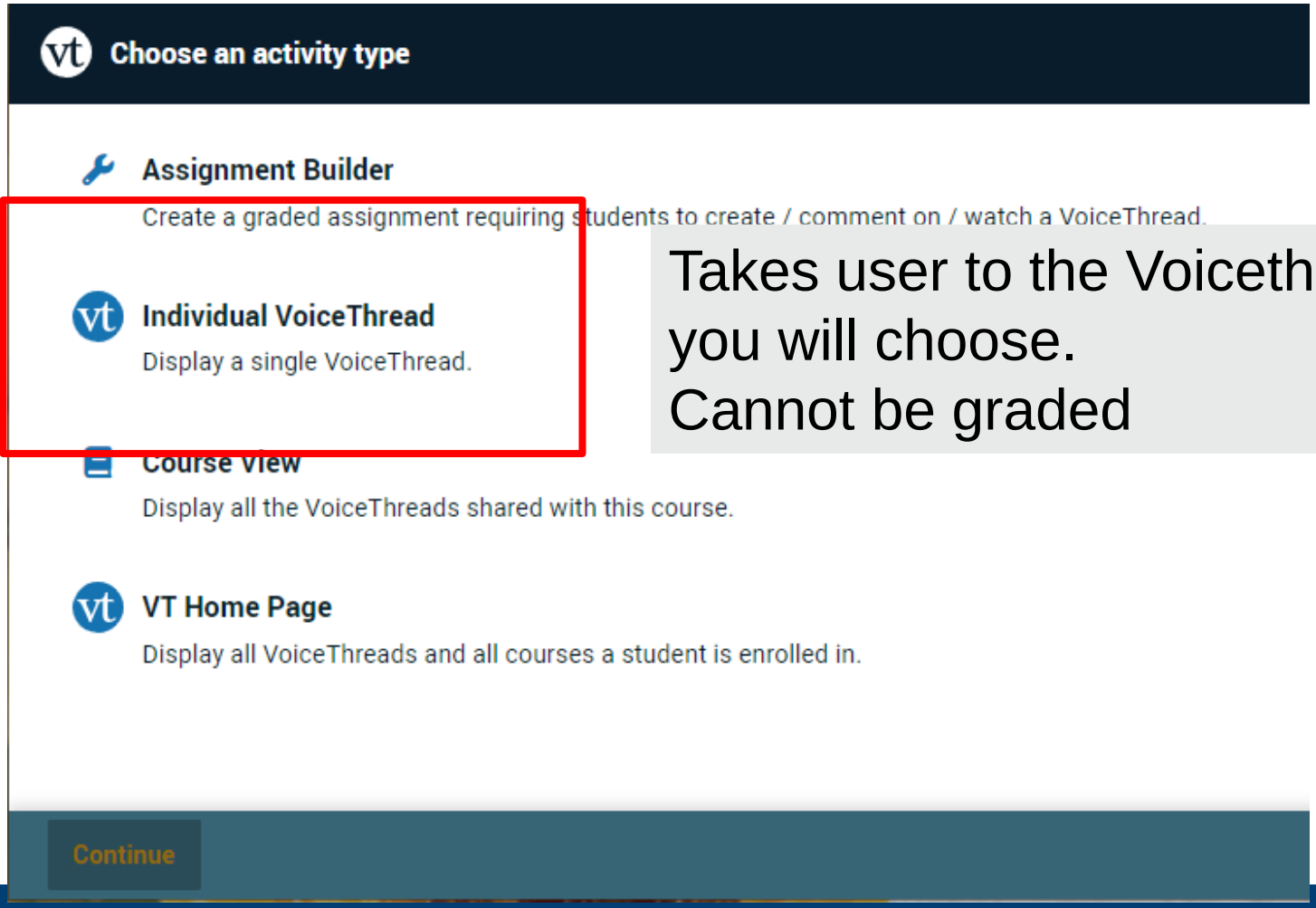


Takes user to THEIR Home page
Not recommended

May be useful for an instructor to use
Hide from students in the course

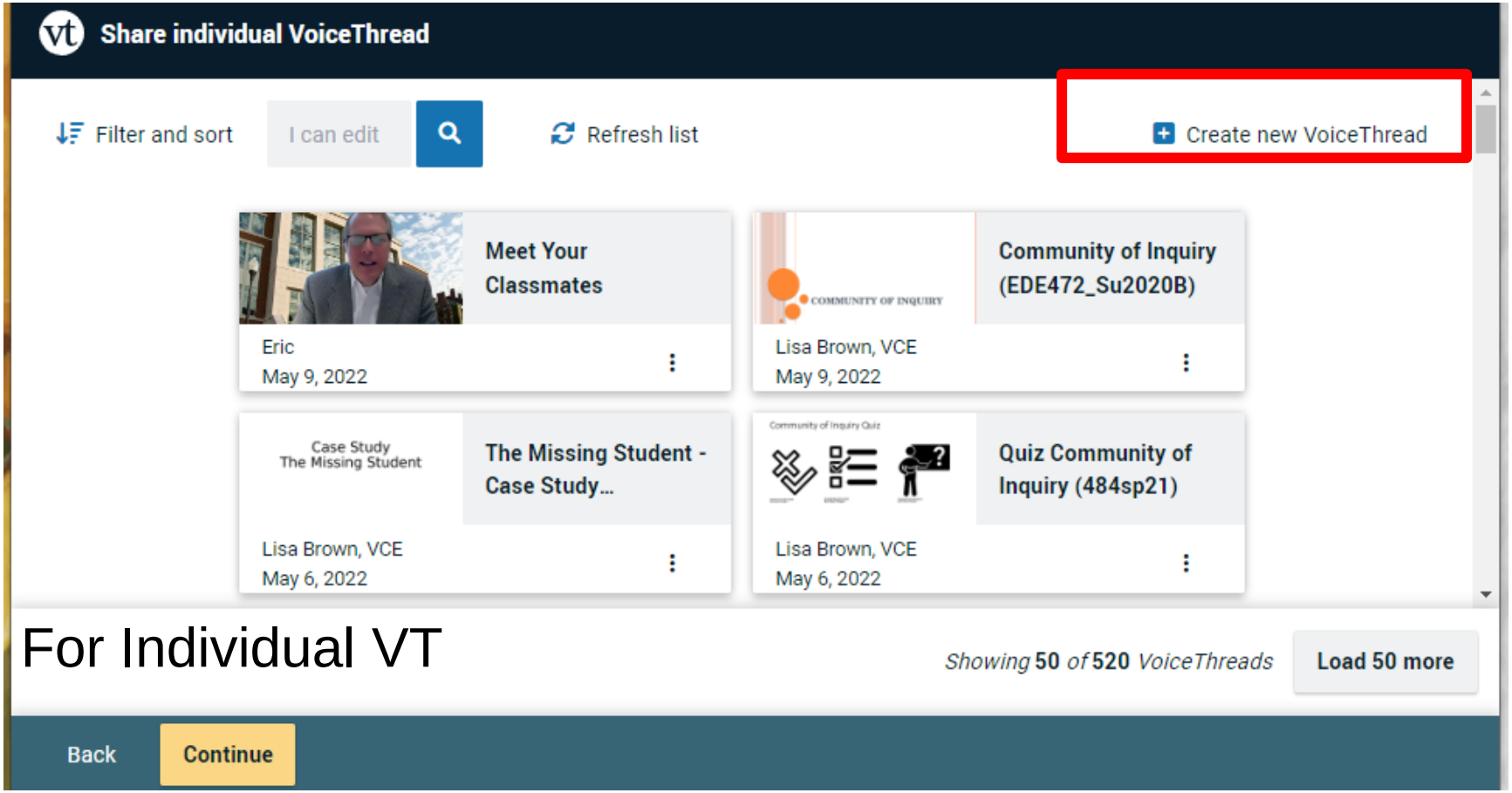
UNGRADED DISCUSSION

Individual VT Button



Takes user to the Voicethread you will choose.
Cannot be graded

Select or Create a Voicethread



For Individual VT

GRADED DISCUSSION

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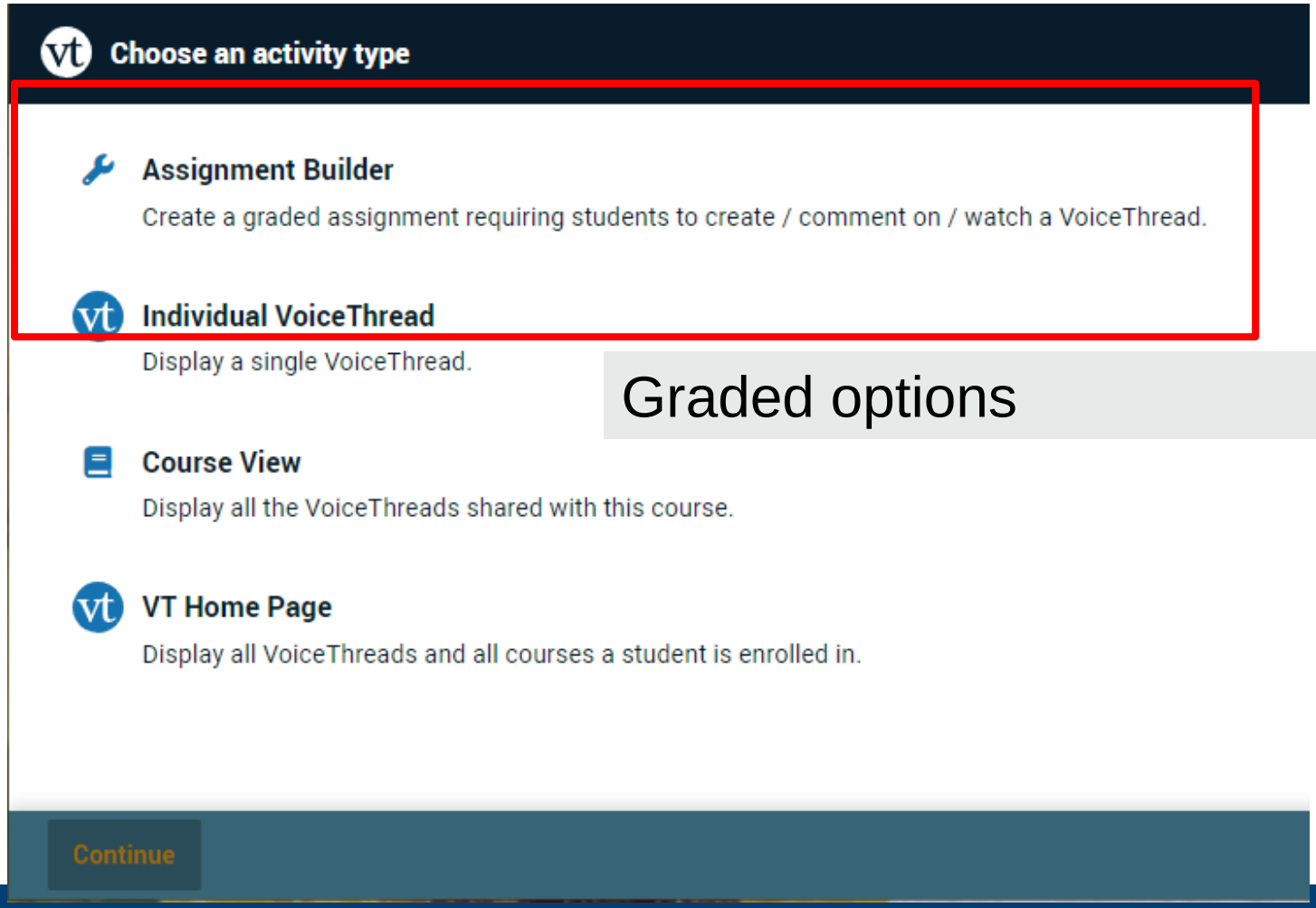

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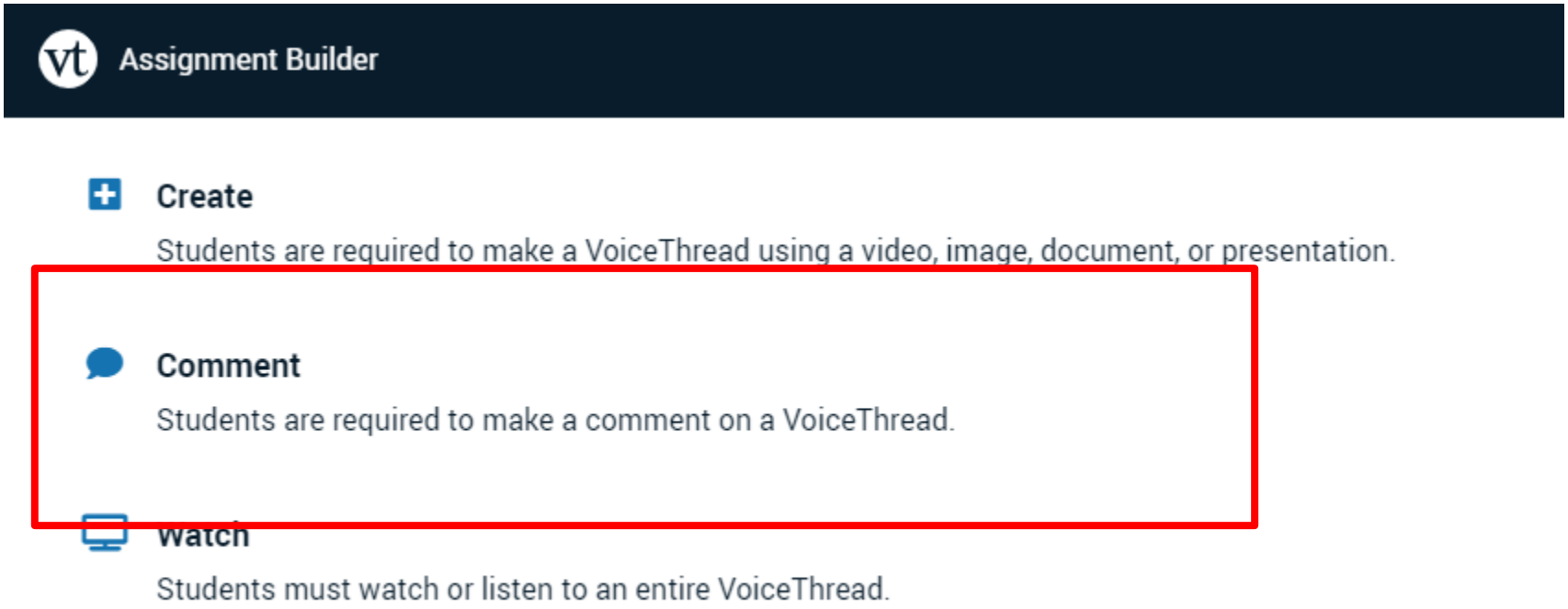
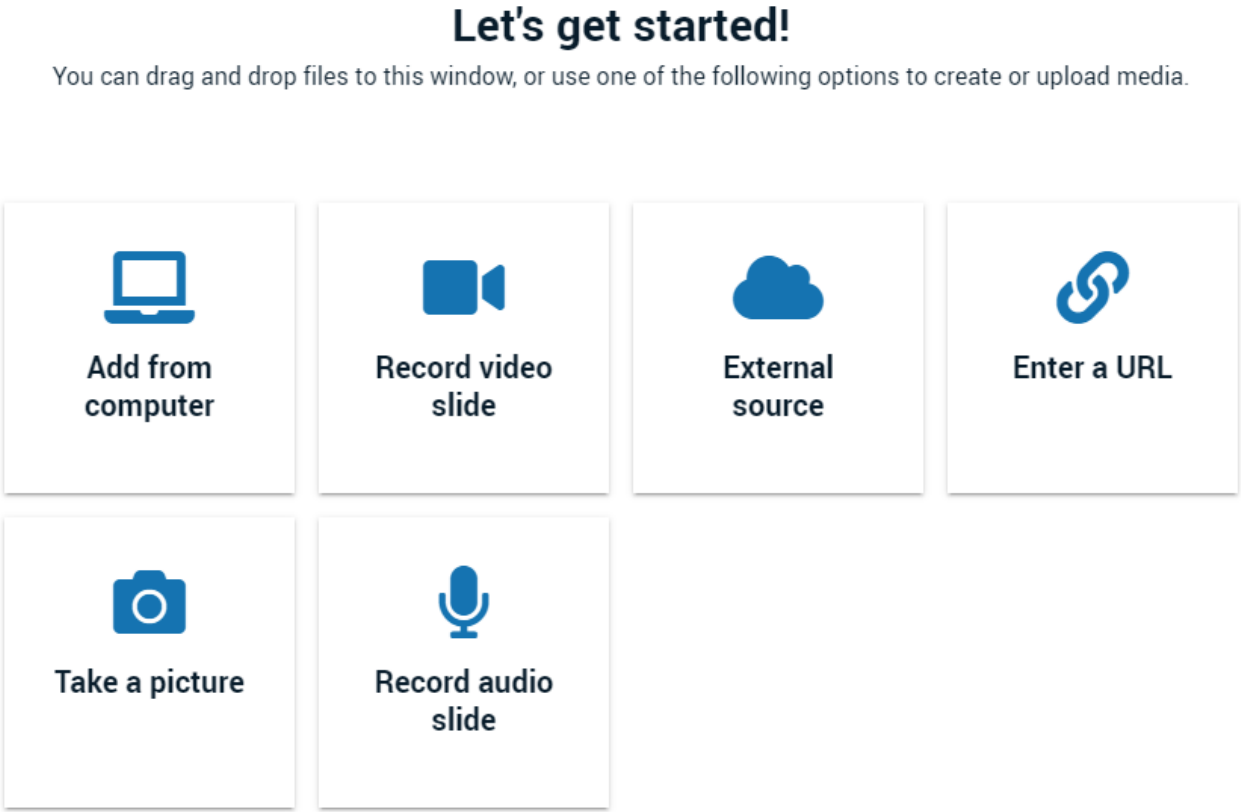


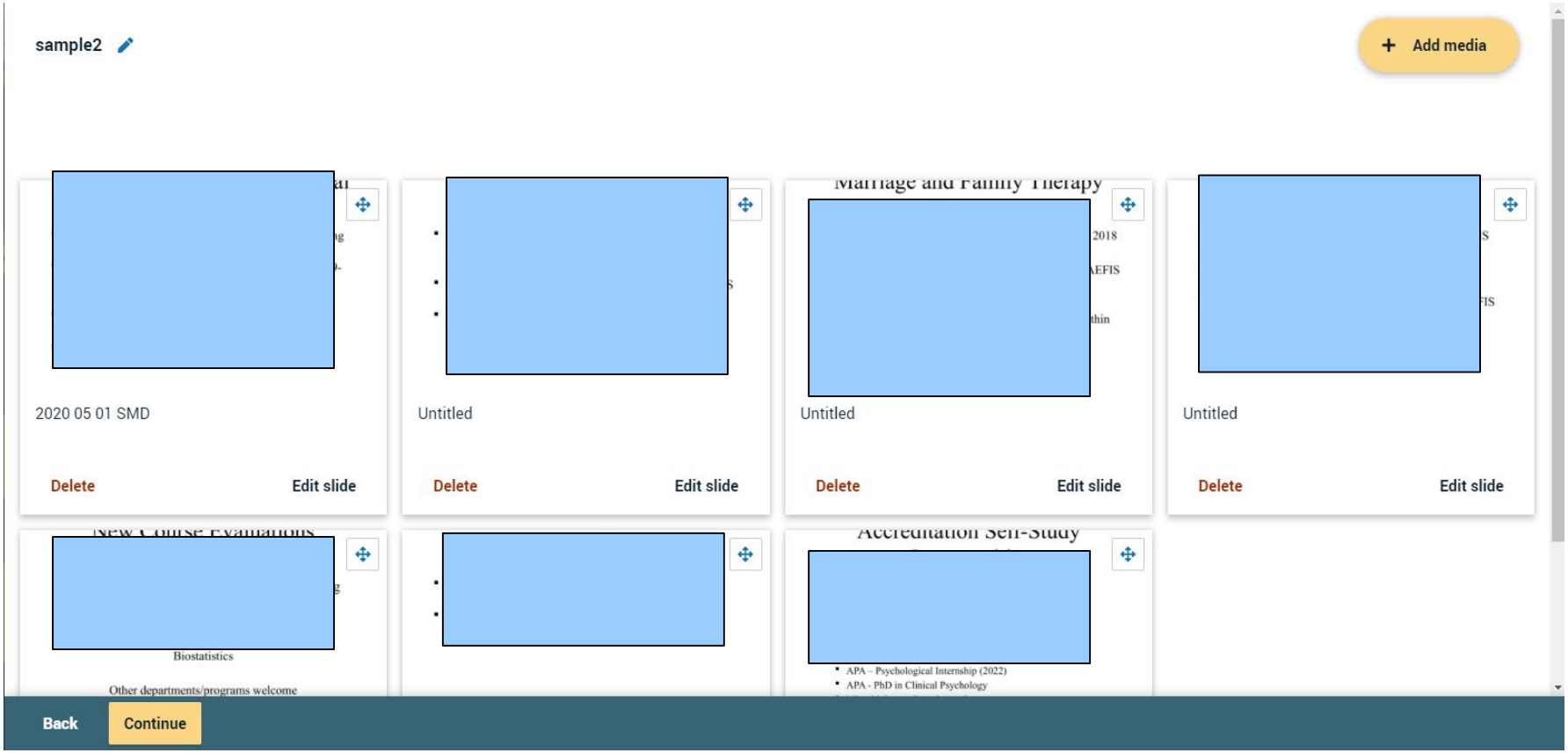
Students get graded for COMMENTING on a Voicethread

Create New

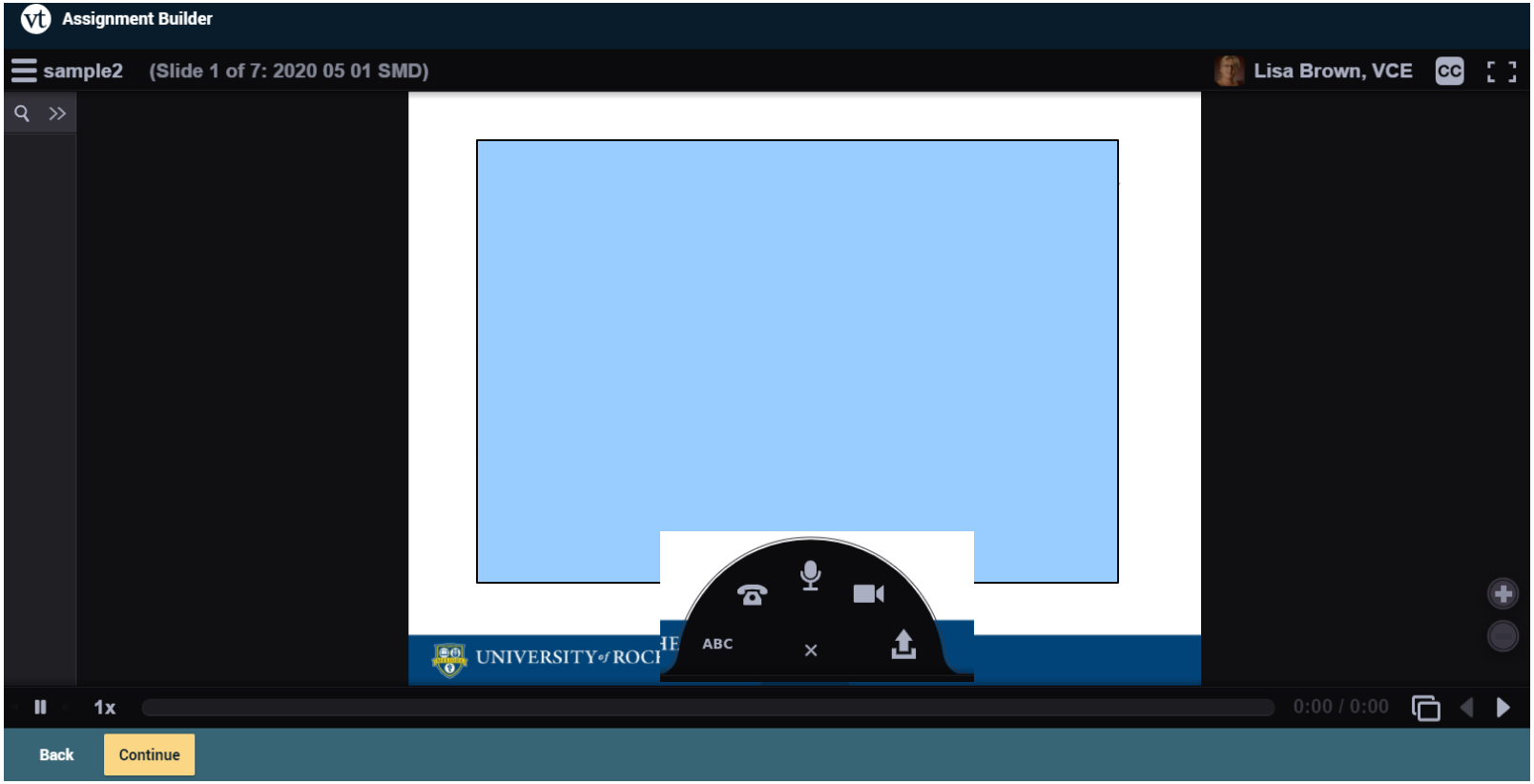
Assignment Builder
Filter and sort
I can edit
Refresh list
Create a new VoiceThread
Selecting an existing VoiceThread will make a copy of it for use in this assignment.


Let's get started!
You can drag and drop files to this window, or use one of the following options to create or upload media.
Add from computer
Record video slide
External source
Enter a URL
Take a picture
Record audio slide

Click continue when finished



Record your Comments



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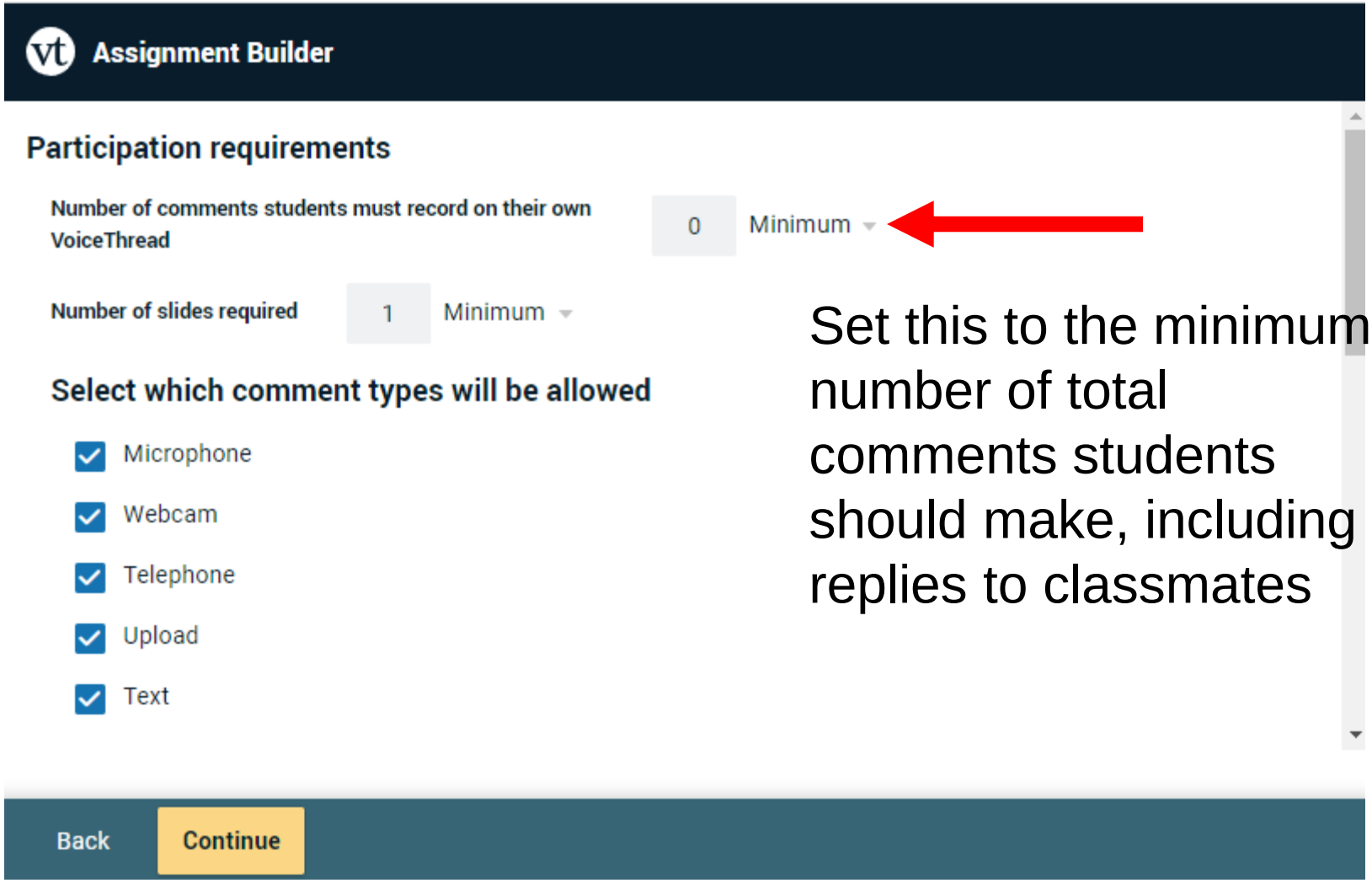
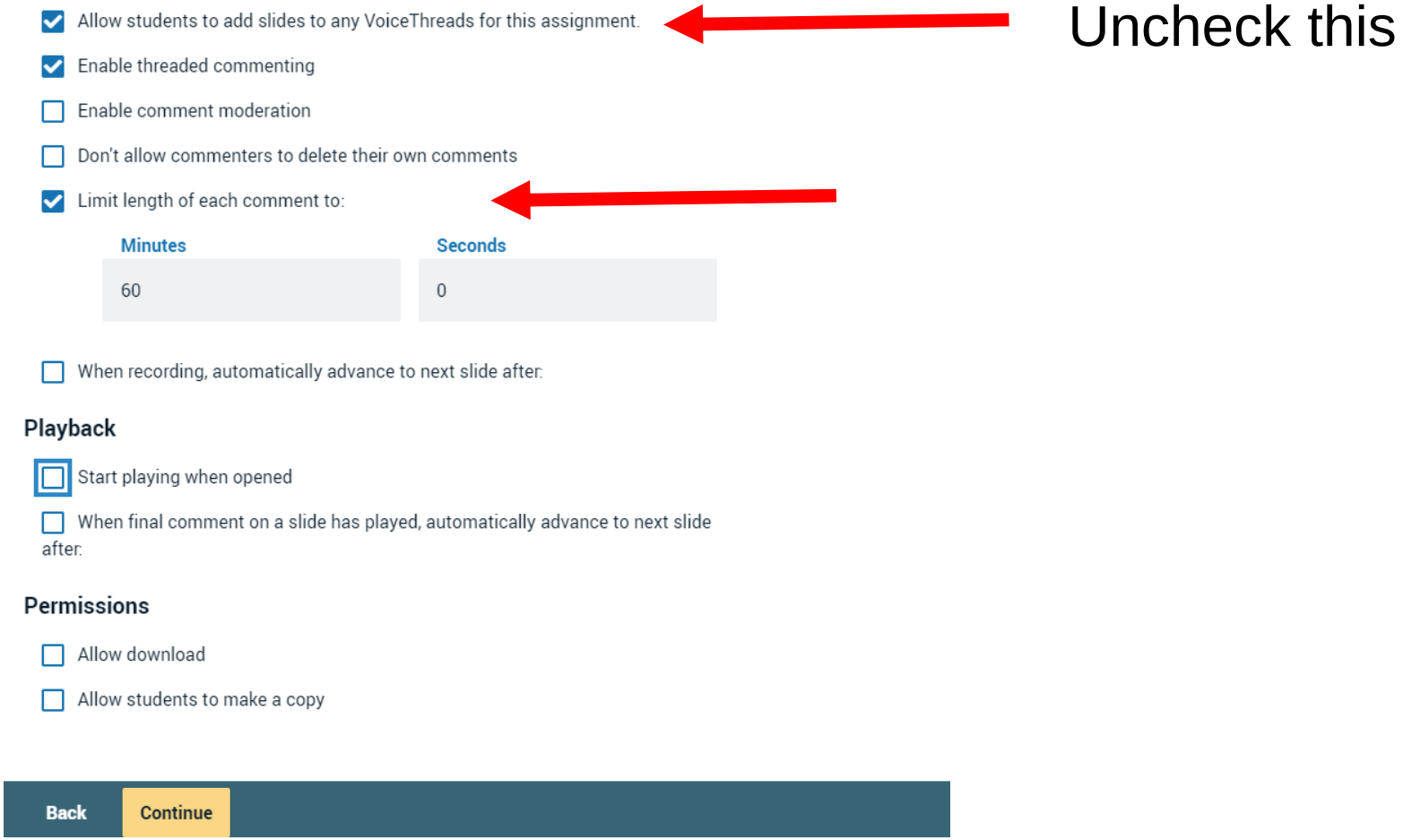


Set this to the minimum number of total comments students should make, including replies to classmates

More Options



Uncheck this

Playback

- [ ] Start playing when opened
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Permissions

- [ ] Allow download
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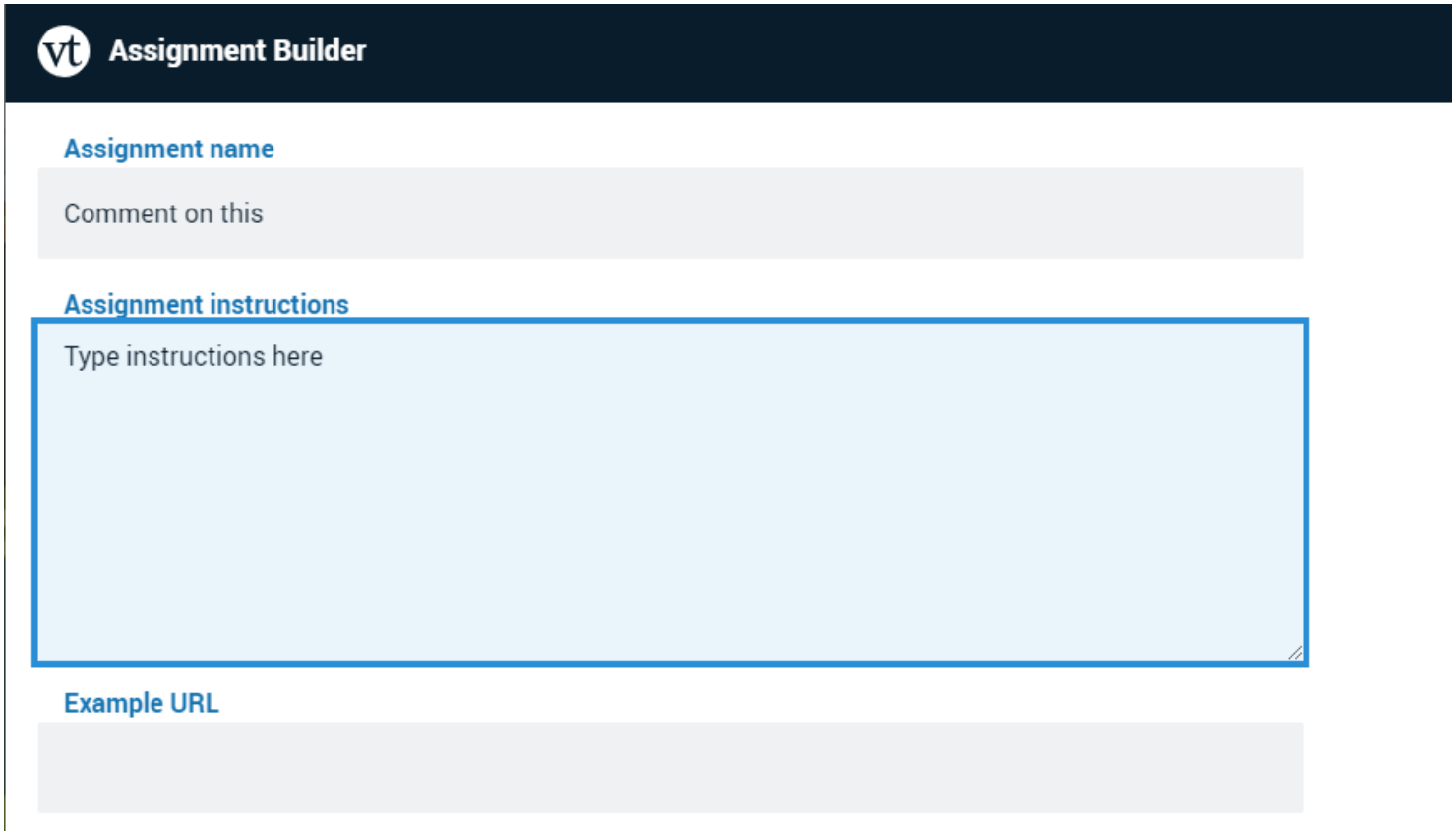
- [ ] Allow students to make a copy

Back Continue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Assignment name
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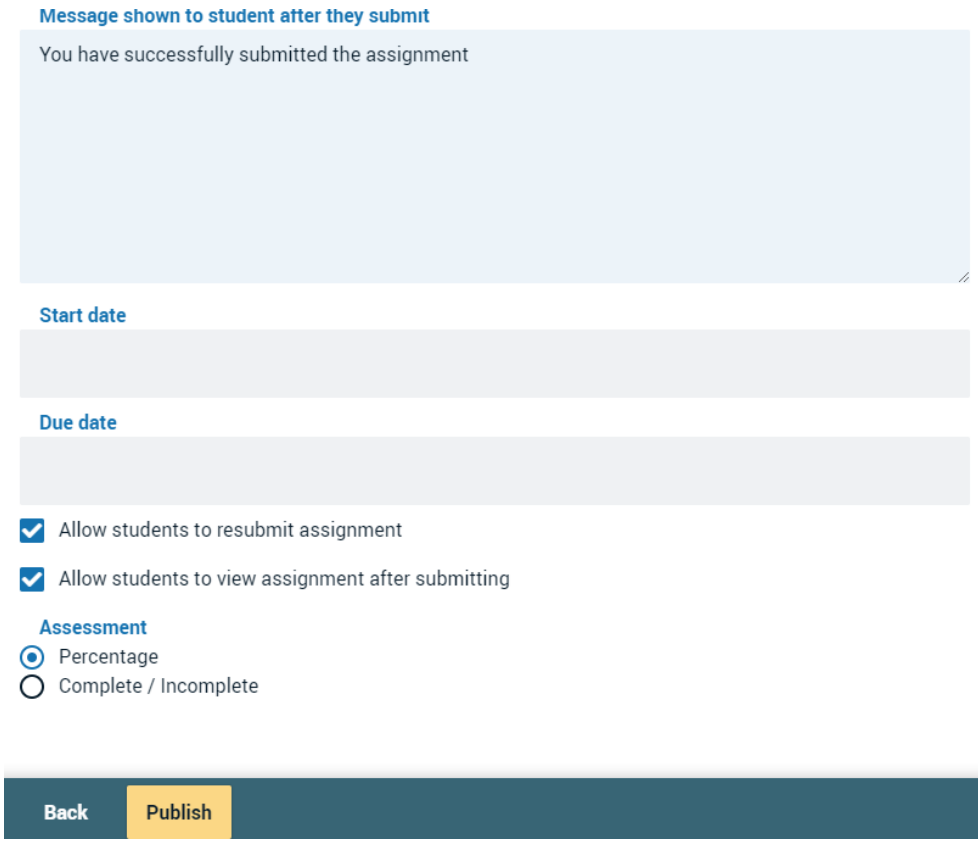
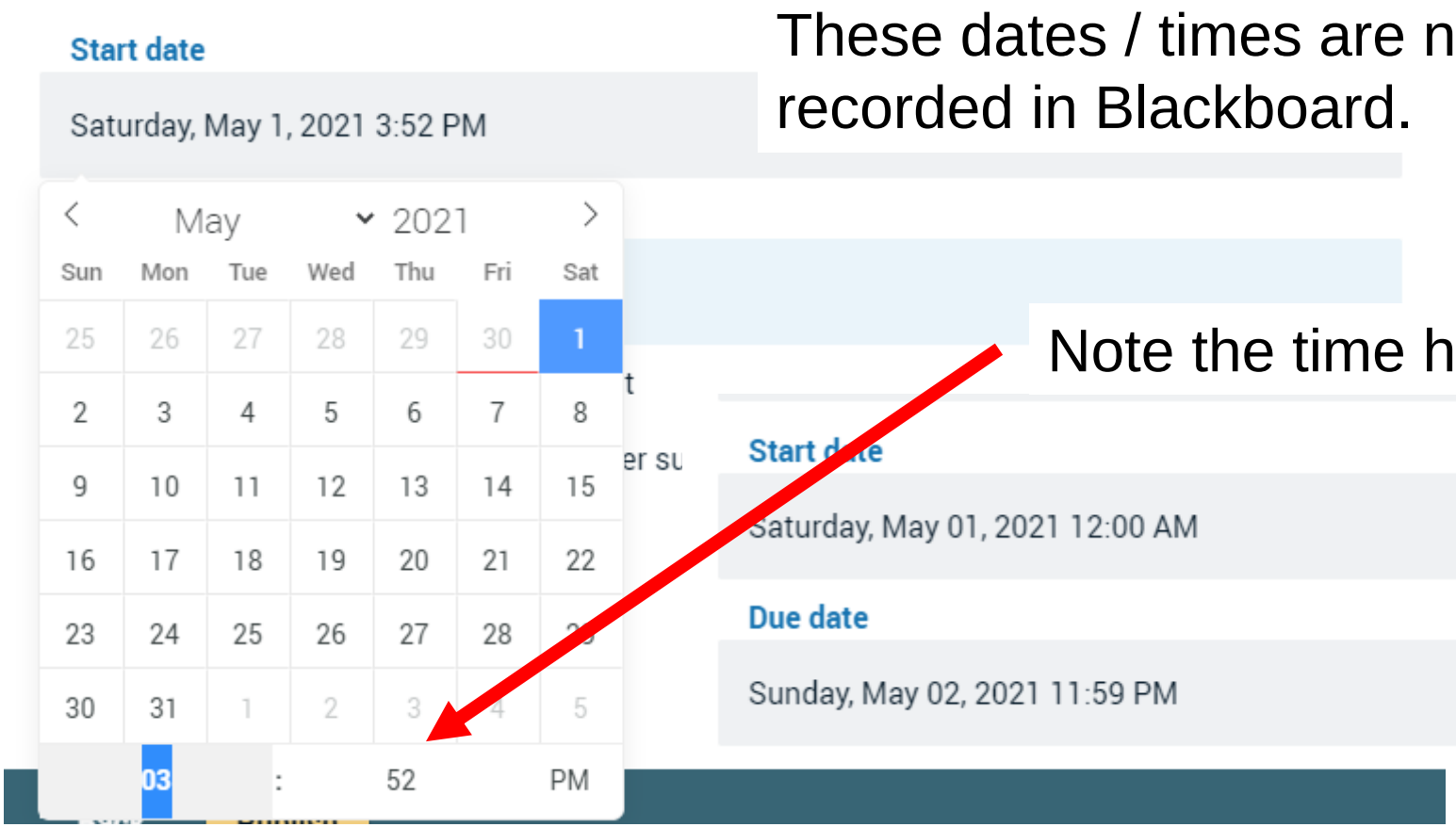
Assignment instructions
Type instructions here
Example URL


Message shown to student after they submit
You have successfully submitted the assignment
Start date
Due date
Allow students to resubmit assignment
Allow students to view assignment after submitting
Assessment
Percentage
Complete / Incomplete
Back
Publish

Start/Due Dates



These dates / times are not recorded in Blackboard.

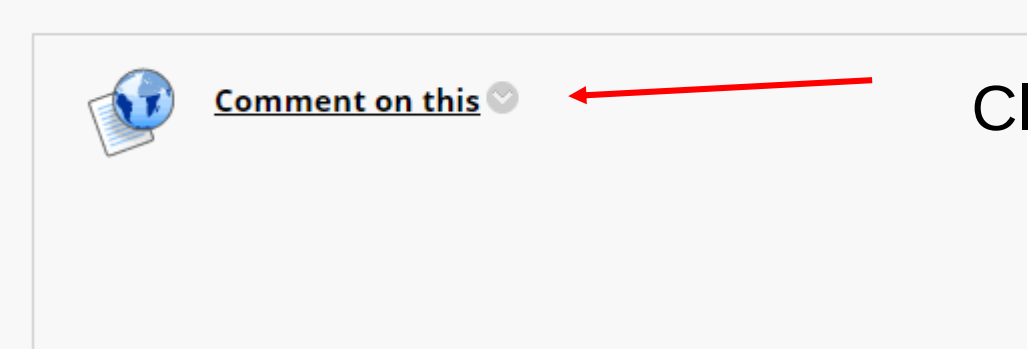
Note the time here.

Close tab
Refresh Blackboard page

Success!

The tool provider content was added to your course. Close this window and refresh your course to view the new content.

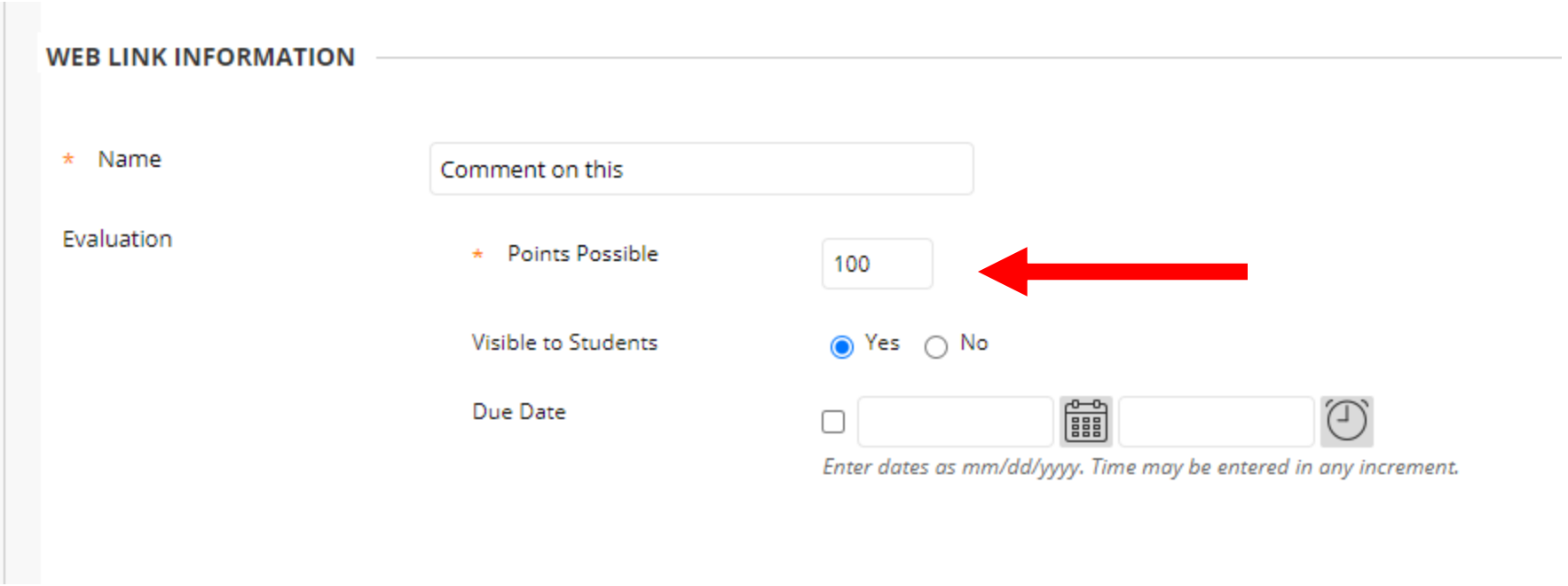
View in Blackboard



Click to Edit

Refresh Blackboard page!

Adjust points



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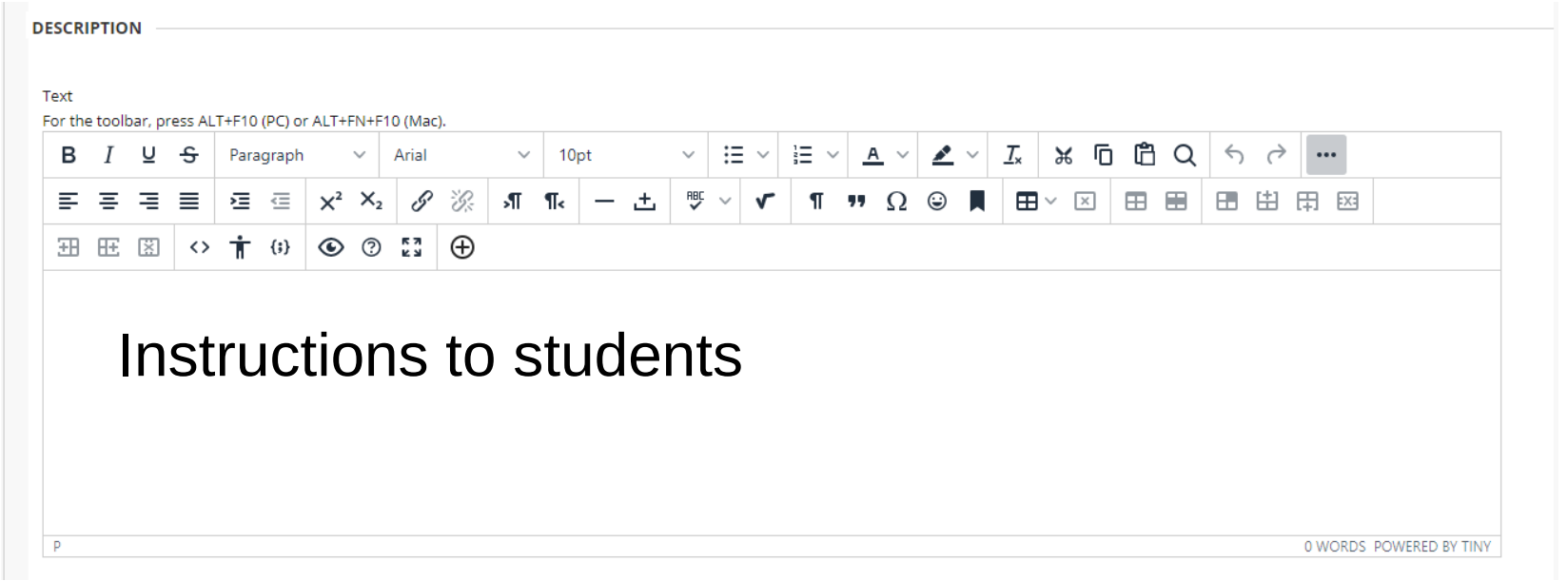

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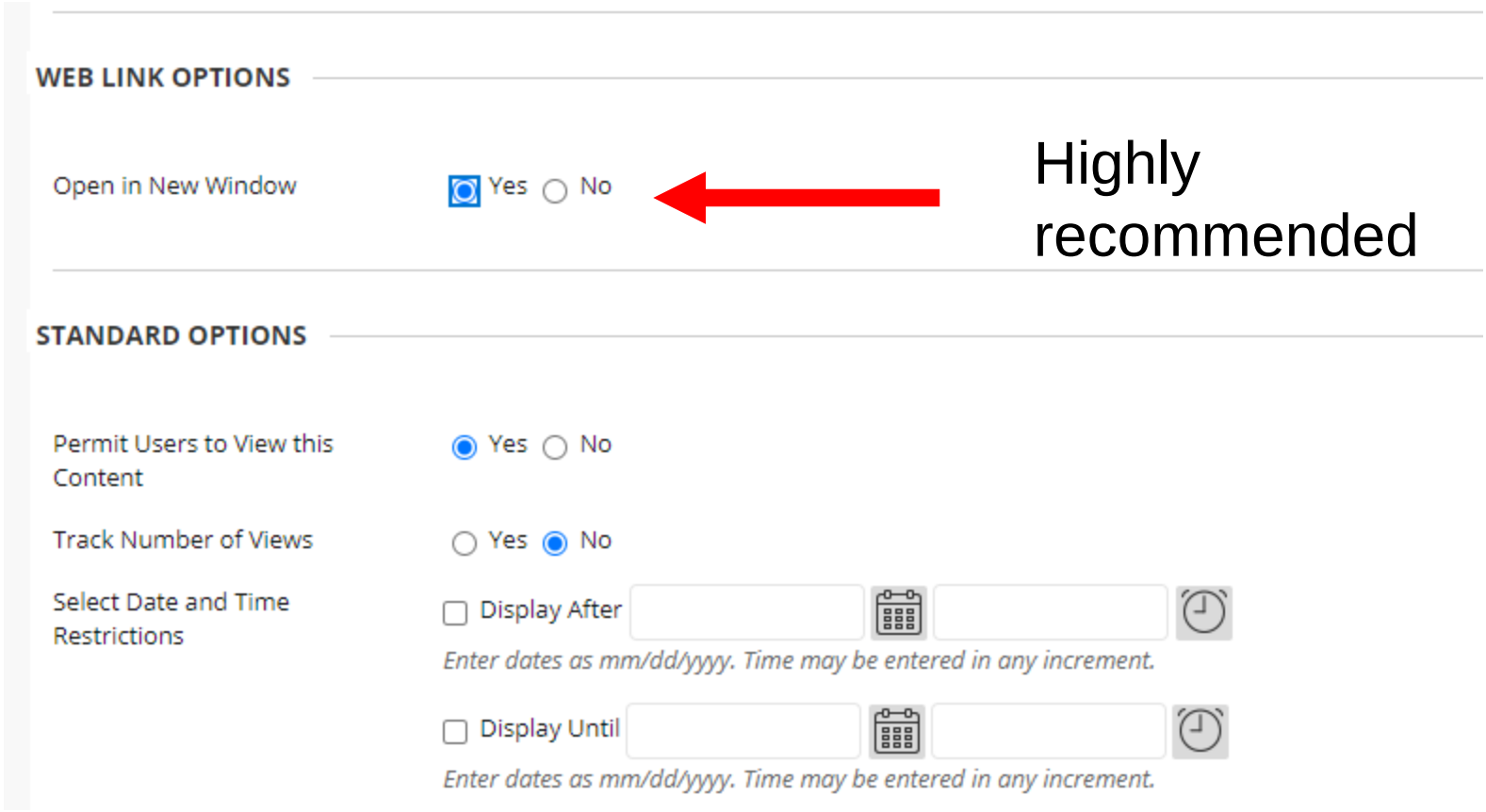

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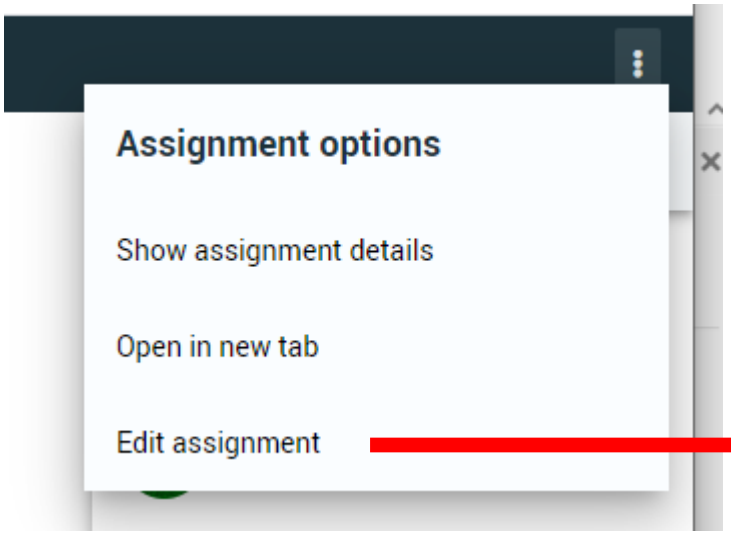
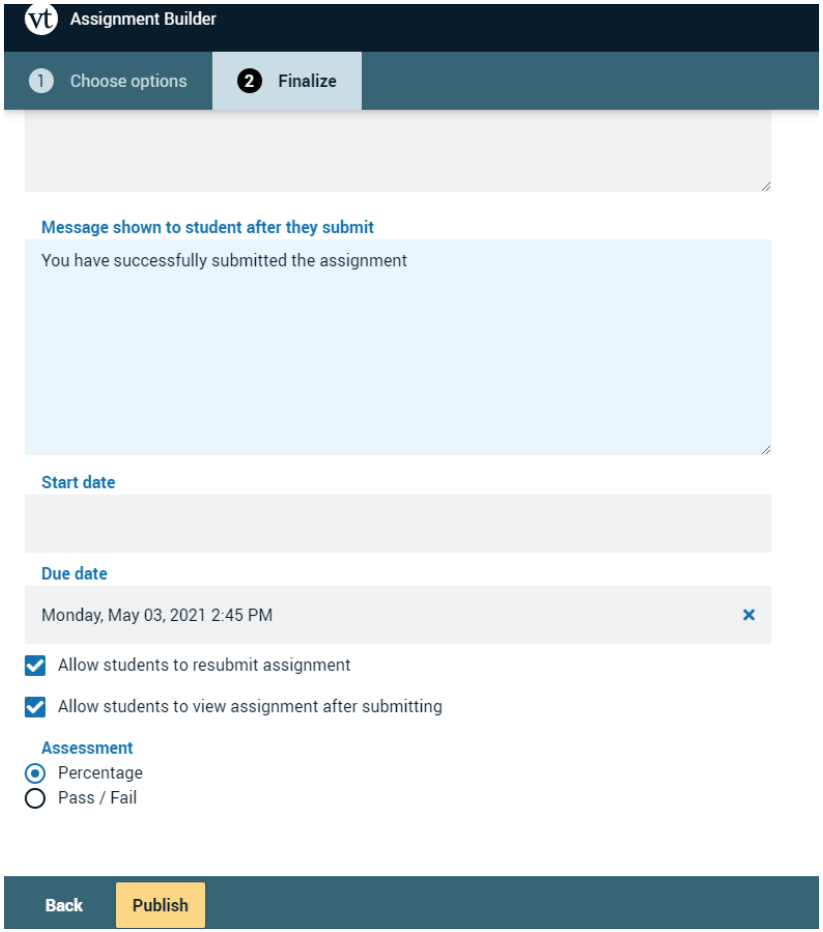
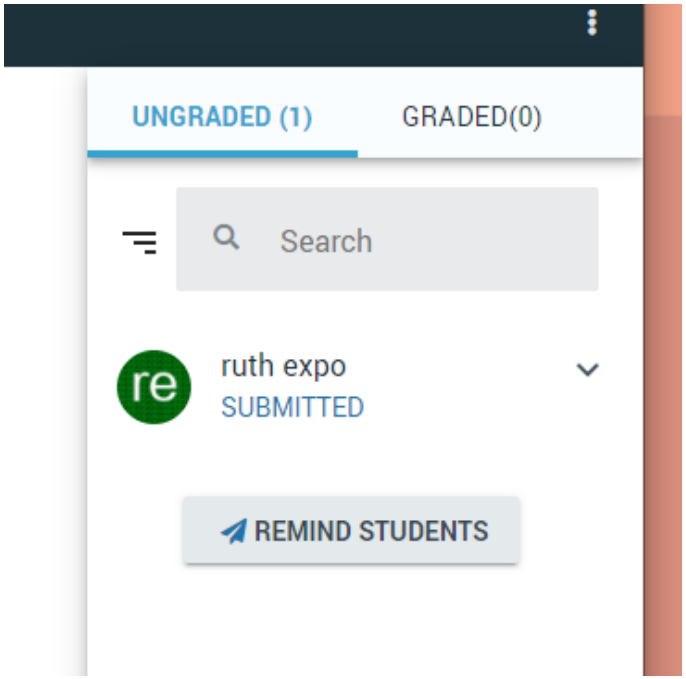


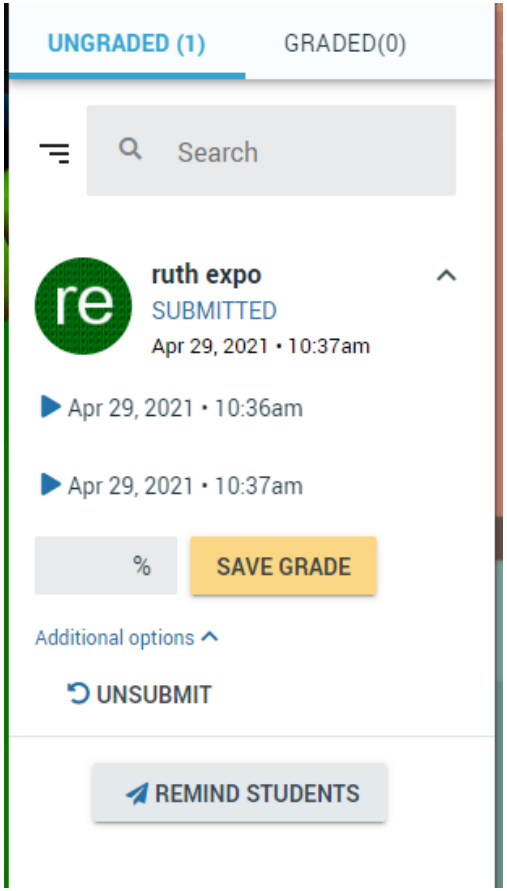


GRADING THIS VOICETHREAD

Instructor View

View Ungraded Work





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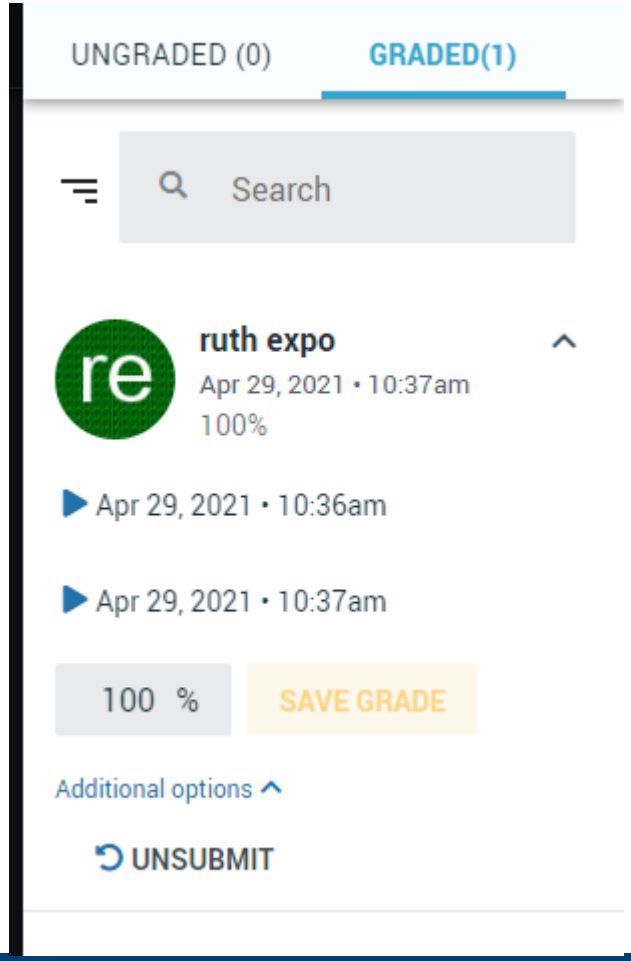
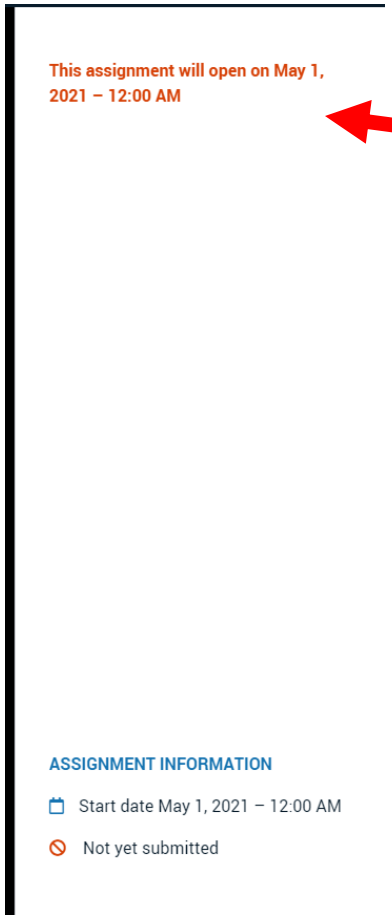


Student View

Student Access



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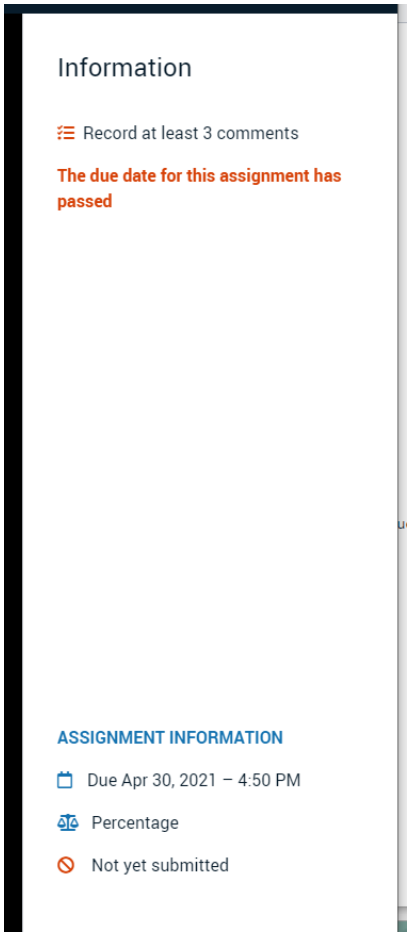
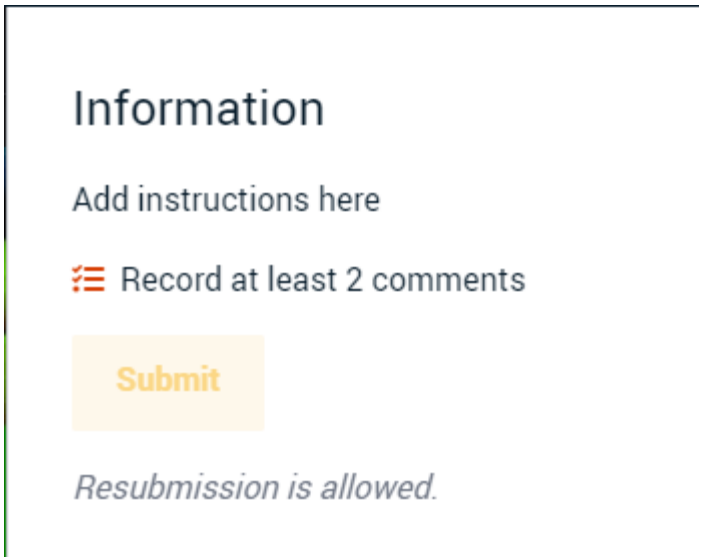


No access after Due Date
Cannot submit after Due Date/Time

Student View



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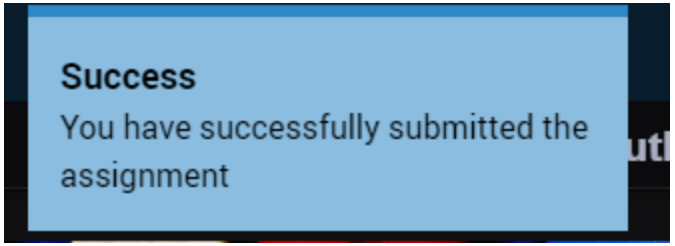

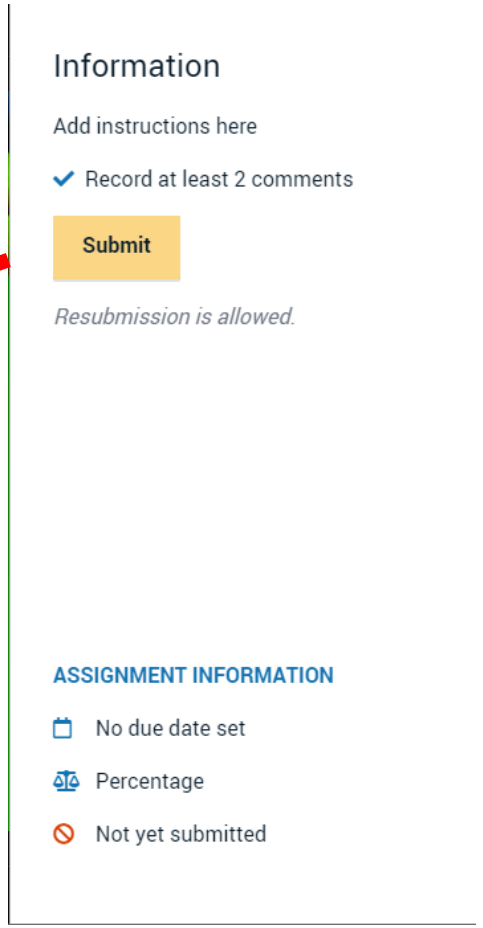

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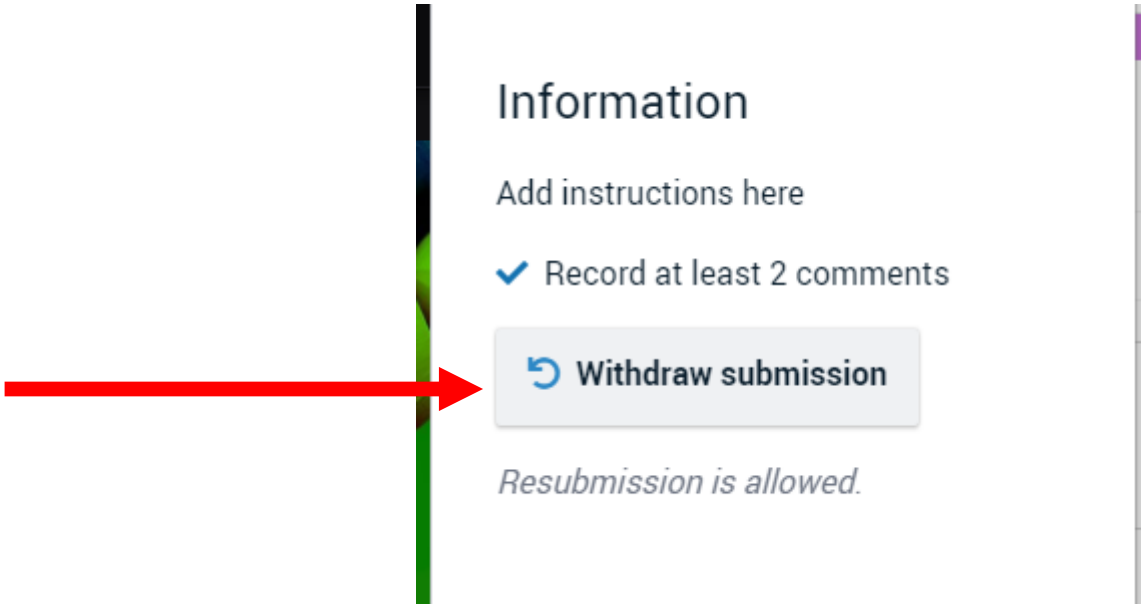

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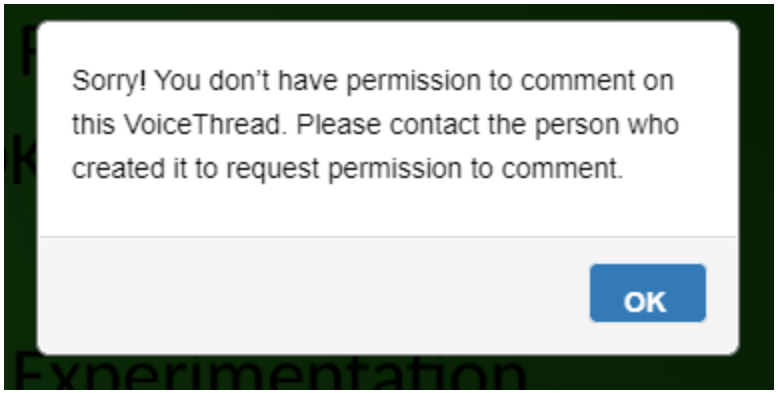
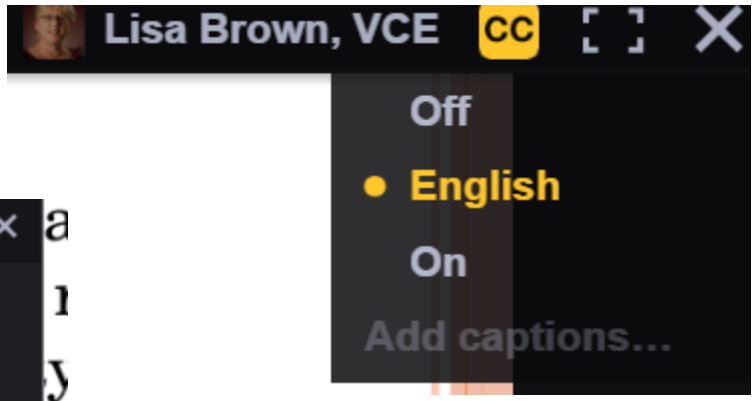


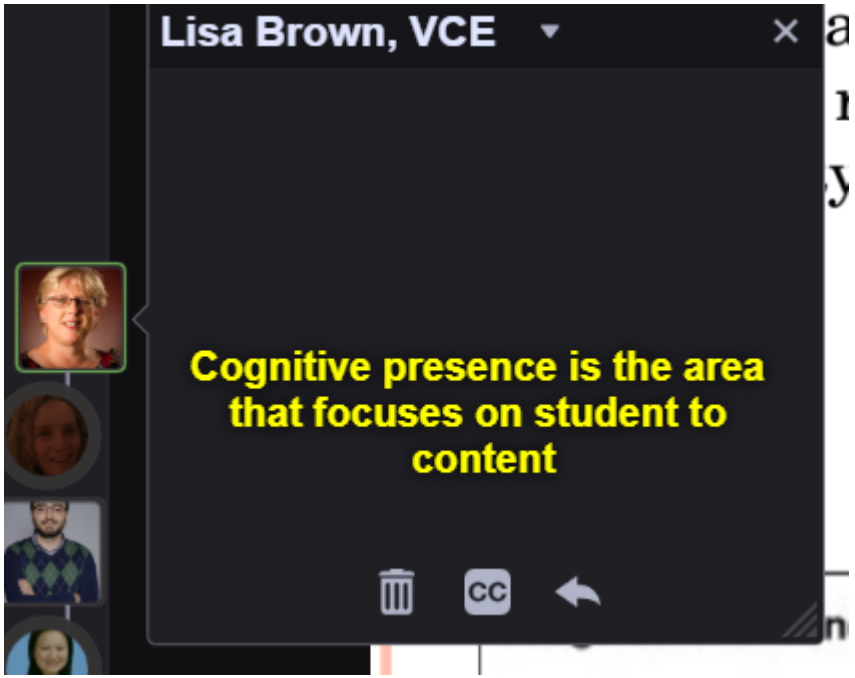
Note

- Student cannot submit until they make the minimum number of comments.
- But… student can leave the VT without making the comments – no message is displayed to student
- Once submitted, student can no longer add additional comments without withdrawing submission. Must allow student to resubmit.
- Instructor provides a percentage grade that passes back and converts to percentage of overall points (not auto-graded),unless you do pass/fail option.

OTHER FEATURES

Closed Captioning





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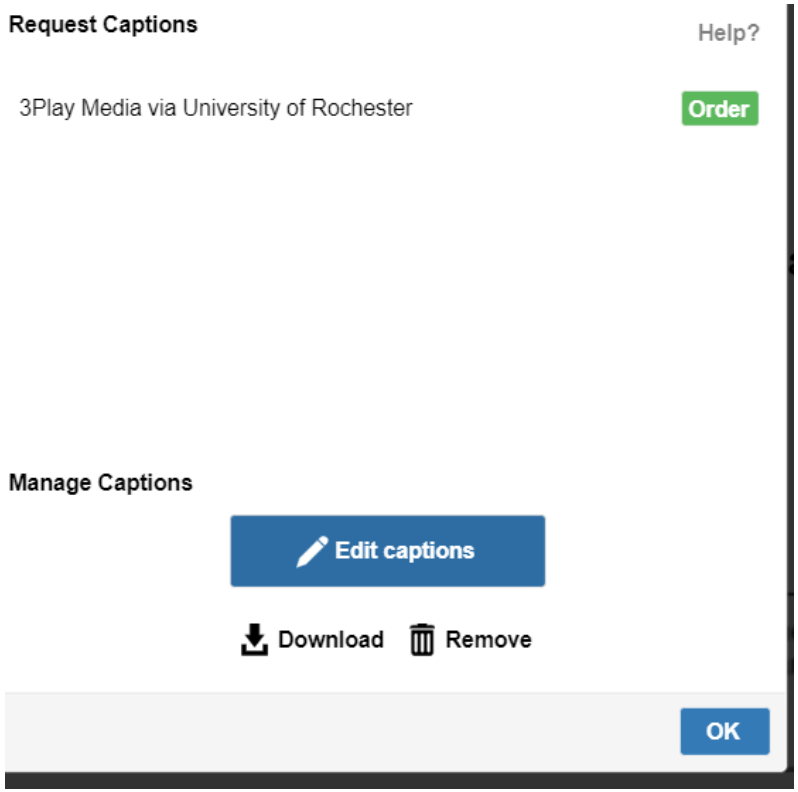

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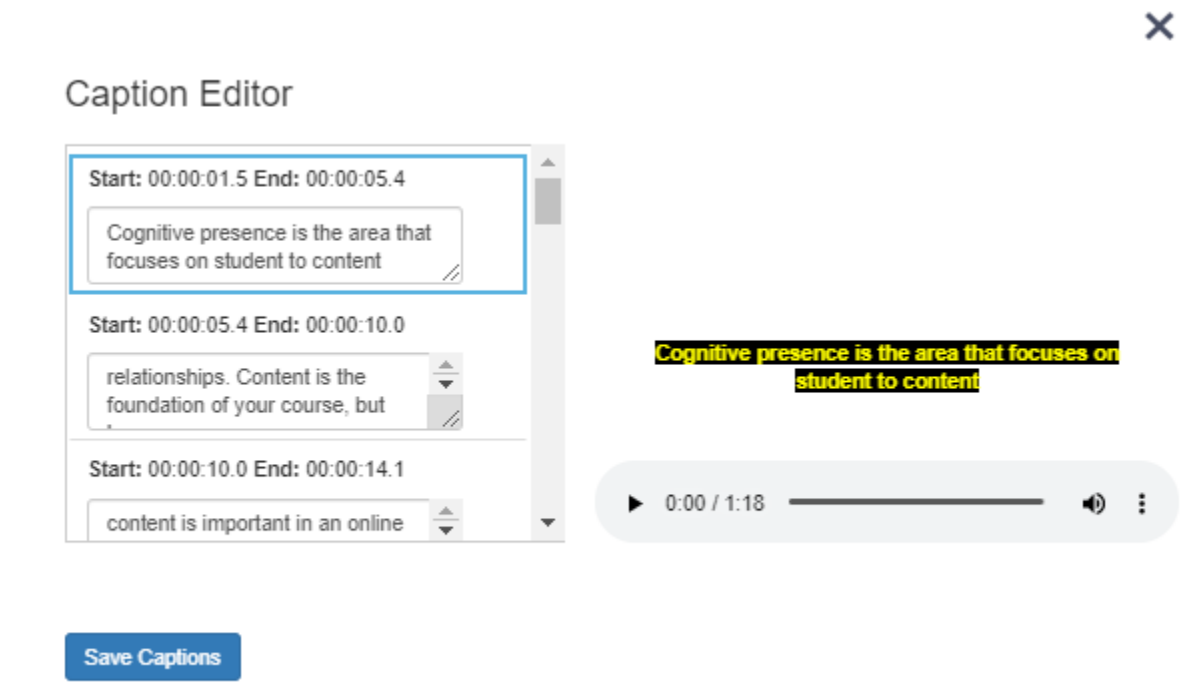

THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?

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