

VoiceThread

VoiceThread - Group conversations around images, docs and video

NECC Hands-On Workshop

Using VoiceThread for Interactive Projects - [Formal Session: BYOL]

Tuesday, 6/30/2009, 3:30pm–4:30pm

Prepare for our session by collecting images for practice project. I selected some images from [FlickrStorm](#) (Creative Commons licensing) that you can download for our workshop or bring your own.

PC or Mac users should download [Audacity](#) for audio recording and editing. Consider bringing a headset with microphone for recording audio comments.

BYOL Session Evaluation located at: <http://www.iste.org/byoleval2009>

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The slide features the title "Using VoiceThread for Interactive Projects" in a large, blue, stylized font. Below the title is a central image of a tablet displaying a sunset scene with the word "Reflections" written in a cursive font. To the right of the tablet is a large white play button icon. At the bottom left, the text reads "NECC '09 HANDOUTS:" followed by the URL "http://edtechvision.wikispaces.com/voicethread". At the bottom right, the presenter's name "Colette Cassinelli" is listed along with her email "colette@edtechvision.org" and Twitter handle "ccassinelli". The slide is part of a presentation, as indicated by the "1 / 26" counter and navigation icons at the bottom.

Using VoiceThread for Interactive Projects

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VoiceThread 4 Education wiki

A companion page to this presentation is located at <http://voicethread4education.wikispaces.com> . This comprehensive site was developed by Colette Cassinelli and teachers have submitted examples of VoiceThread projects in all areas: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, College, Admin, Library, EdTech, and ESL/EFL. There is also a page for additional VoiceThread resources and explanations of Best Practices for using VoiceThread in your classroom.

About VoiceThread

A *VoiceThread* is an online media album that can hold essentially any type of media (images, documents and videos) and allows people to make comments in 5 different ways - using voice (with a microphone or telephone), text, audio file, or video (with a webcam) - and share them with anyone they wish. A VoiceThread allows group conversations to be collected and shared in one place, from anywhere in the world.

Click here to read some [VoiceThread Basics.pdf](#)

NETS #2 - Communication and Collaboration

Students use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others. [NETS for Students 2007](#)

VoiceThread practice

Create a VoiceThread account or sign in to an existing account.

Practice commenting on a VoiceThread project. Go to <http://voicethread.com/share/352925/> and add your reflection to the quotes presented in the VoiceThread project. Choose your preferred method: webcam, text, voice or upload.

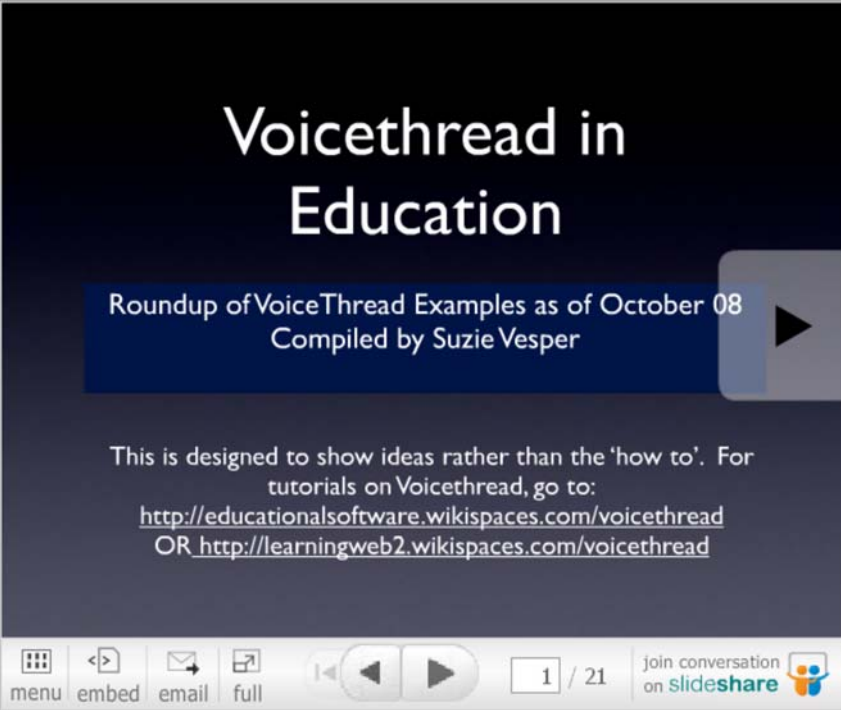
Examples shared:

- 5 yr old collecting 100 comments for 100th day celebration <http://voicethread.com/share/321990/>
- 5th grade Flip book animations - <http://voicethread.com/share/253737/>
- HS career project about becoming a Special Education teacher <http://voicethread.com/share/70584/>
- Professional Development: Reflecting on NETS for Teachers <http://voicethread.com/share/330098/>
- Got Books? Faculty members share favorite books <http://voicethread.com/share/210170/>

More [examples](#) located at <http://voicethread4education.wikispaces.com>

Thanks to [Suzie Vesper](#) for these great ideas ...

<p>Literacy Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Publishing writing in oral form · Poetry Anthologies / Book Reviews · Choose your own Adventure story · Writing stories to go with images · Book promotions · Vocabulary Development · Pre-reading / making predictions <p>Skills Practice</p>	<p>Thinking Around A Topic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Commentary on Social Issues · Debate on Issue <p>Explanations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Steps in a process · Instructions / How to <p>Collaborative Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Understanding other cultures · Learning About Languages 	<p>Voicethread Examples in Education</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Language Practice · Alphabetical Order <p>Can be used with any grade level and any subject area – even professional development</p> <p>30+ more ideas from Ned's Keeper</p>	<p>Showcasing and Evaluating Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Art Gallery · Speeches · Digital Portfolios 	 <p>Voicethread in Education</p> <p>Roundup of VoiceThread Examples as of October 08 Compiled by Suzie Vesper</p> <p>This is designed to show ideas rather than the 'how to'. For tutorials on Voicethread, go to: http://educationalsoftware.wikispaces.com/voicethread OR http://learningweb2.wikispaces.com/voicethread</p> <p>View SlideShare presentation or Upload your own. (tags: ict k12)</p>
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Getting Started

[If you need step-by-step directions - with screen shots - consider downloading Miguel Guhlin's Tutorial for VoiceThread \(pdf\).](#)

HOW TO MAKE A VOICETHREAD

Step 1 – Pre-plan

What the goal?

Who is the audience?

Who will participate?

Research

Step 2 –Select Docs or Images

BASIC

Use digital photos

Supports PDF, Word, Excel, PowerPoint files, images and video

Hint: Use PowerPoint to make slides and then export as *.jpg

Another hint: Open up online image to full size. Right click and choose "save image location". Paste into URL option.

But follow CC.

MORE OPTIONS

Search for photos with Creative Commons licensing.

VoiceThread can imports photos from Flickr, Facebook, or from the web

Some other sources to find copyright-free or creative commons licensing images are:

Wikimedia Commons -

<http://commons.wikimedia.org>

morgueFile - <http://www.morguefile.com/>

Pics 4 Learning - <http://www.pics4learning.com/>

Stock.XCHNG - <http://www.sxc.hu/>

Flickr Storm - <http://www.zoo-m.com/flickr-storm/>

Flickr/Creative Commons - <http://www.flickr.com/creativecommons/>

NOTE: Many Flickr users have chosen to offer their work under a Creative Commons license, and you can browse or search through content under each type of license - but remember - these are personal photos that people have taken - search safely!)

Step 3 – Prepare Narration

BASIC

Research

Plan and write out narration

Determine what information will be presented on each slide (either on the slide vs. in the comment area)

MORE OPTIONS

Record and edit audio narration with Audacity

Record interviews or comments with a cell phone recording program.

Record audio using an iPod and microphone

Step 4 - Create account

K-12 Pricing Options & Features	Class Subscription	Pro Educator	Free Educator
Create student accounts (email optional)	Yes, up to 100	no	no
Custom Ed.VoiceThread web address for publishing work	Yes	no	no
View/Edit/Delete student work	Yes	no	no
Manage students	Yes	no	no
Work in accountable K-12 environment, Ed.VoiceThread	Yes	Yes	no
Create Groups	Yes	Yes	no
Archival Exports	30/year or 3/month	3	no
Storage	10 GB + 400 MB/student	10 GB	2 GB
VoiceThreads	Unlimited + 15/student	Unlimited	Unlimited
Cost	\$60/year or \$10/month	\$10 one time	Free
	Purchase	Purchase	Apply!

Step 5 - Upload Content

Upload images first

Choose title and description for each slide

Record narration (limited cell phone minutes) or upload audio files

Choose sharing options:

Private – view by invitation only

Groups **NEW**

- Public view and access
- Comments – yes/no

- Comment moderation - on/off

Share URL or embed in webpage or wiki

Step 6 - Add comments

Use computer microphone, telephone, text, audio file, and webcam.

VoiceThread allows users to create ONE account and have multiple identities, HOWEVER you can't have multiple identities logged in at the same time.

Consider having younger students draw and scan original artwork for avatar

With Doodling, you can draw on top of the media as you record your comment

Rubric for assessment of VoiceThread Projects - [ABVOICETHREADRUBRIC.pdf](#)

Additional Suggestions:

1. Start simple. First comment on other VoiceThread projects OR make a class project where each student only makes one slide.
2. Encourage appropriate and thoughtful comments like: I noticed ... this reminds me of ... I'm not sure that ...
3. Be aware of privacy issues. Use first names only and consider using icons instead of student photos.
4. Ed.VoiceThread class edition gives you complete control of creating accounts (no email required), allowing access and maintaining control of who views and shares.
5. Moderate comments in VoiceThread is public.
6. Be aware of copyright and insist on images with Creative Commons license, scanned artwork, or own digital photos
7. Consider making guest avatars if you are sharing one account
8. Only after the class has quite a bit of experience posting comments and uploading images to VoiceThread would I consider an individual project made by students (it does take some time). If you do this, make the students do ALL of the script writing, image collecting or creation, voice recording (edit with Audacity) before you allow them to begin assembling their VoiceThread. I used [Inspiration](#) with my students for planning their VoiceThread. Students linked their chosen image and recording and I approved it before they assembled their projects. This could also be done in Word or on a wiki.
9. Consider using a cell phone to record comments made by outsiders. Click on the phone icon on the VoiceThread window and enter a phone number. VoiceThread will then "call" that number and the receiver can leave a comment that will be attached to that image. See samples of how interviews were recorded on the Career projects at <http://4careers.wikispaces.com>

Ed.VoiceThread

VoiceThread is offering free educator accounts for all K-12 classroom educators. These free accounts are identical to the Pro account in almost every aspect. After you are signed in and on the Browse, Create, or My Voice pages click the button up top that says 'Go Pro' and then click the link in the next window that says 'K-12 classroom educators'.

But of course it's true that nothing in life is truly free, so here is what we want in return:

- 1. You must, in fact, be a K-12 classroom educator and sign up using your school assigned e-mail address (this is important, and we'll need to occasionally verify it)*
- 2. You must continue to invent and explore with VoiceThread.*
- 3. We are counting on your feedback and ideas so that we may continue to grow while remaining simple to use.*
- 4. You must help each other. Technology in the classroom is not a fad, it's here to stay, but it needs a dedicated community that shares ideas and success stories in order to develop best practices.*

That's it. If the deal sounds good to you then apply for the free account by hitting the 'Go Pro' button. We'll send a confirmation e-mail to your school based e-mail address. Just click the link in the confirmation e-mail and you're all set.

p.s. If you don't get the e-mail make sure to check you spam folder, it can get stuck in there sometimes.

http://voicethread.com/help/forum/comments.php?DiscussionID=32&page=1#Item_0

Private Class or School accounts cost money. [For more information click here](#)

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