VoiceThread Basics for Goucher Students

What is VoiceThread

Voicethread is a communication tool that allows you to have online conversations with your class using images, videos, documents and presentations. You can make comments using text, a microphone, a web cam, even a telephone or an uploaded audio file. VoiceThread is integrated in your Canvas course site, so there is no software to download, install or update.
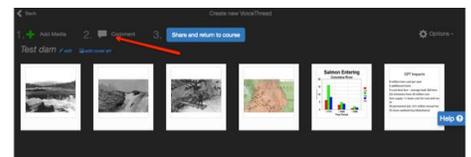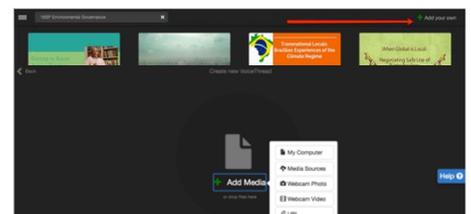
Comment on a VoiceThread

1. Open the VoiceThread conversation link from your Canvas course page.
2. Listen/view the media and any prompt from your instructor or classmates.
3. Click on the **+** sign in the bottom middle of the page.
4. Add you own comment using video, audio, text or phone. Use whichever option is appropriate for the technology you have and for the conversation in progress.
5. Record your response and click "Save". If you record using audio or video you can preview your comments first.

Create Your Own VoiceThread Presentation

1. Open the VoiceThread conversation link from your Canvas course page.
2. Click "Add your own" to create your own VoiceThread presentation. You can narrate your presentation in combination with individual images, video, audio and/or PowerPoint slides. Select the media you want to insert and give your presentation a title.
3. If you upload a PowerPoint file, you can narrate each slide individually or narrate the entire presentation as a whole. It is often best to narrate each slide individually so that others can comment on each of your slides. Narrate each slide by selecting "Comment."
4. Add comments using video, audio, text or phone – whichever option is best for the technology you have and for the presentation you want to make.
5. IMPORTANT: When you finish commenting, click on the setting symbol in the upper left (3 yellow horizontal lines), click on Share, select your course from the list, then click on the "Share" button. Success!

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Export a VoiceThread Conversation

You can export VoiceThread conversations as video files.

1. To export your conversation, select the conversation of interest from your Canvas course page.
2. From the upper left menu select "Export."
3. You will receive an email once the video file has been processed and is ready for use.

Troubleshooting

Contact your instructor or the Distance Learning office (410-337-6223) with questions about the tool, or visit VoiceThread Support Categories at https://voicethread.com/howto/ - Web Application section.

Also visit the Student Tutorials and Resources page for VoiceThread tutorials:

- Student VoiceThread Training (video) 7 minutes
- Exporting Your VoiceThread to Post on YouTube or Elsewhere (video)

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