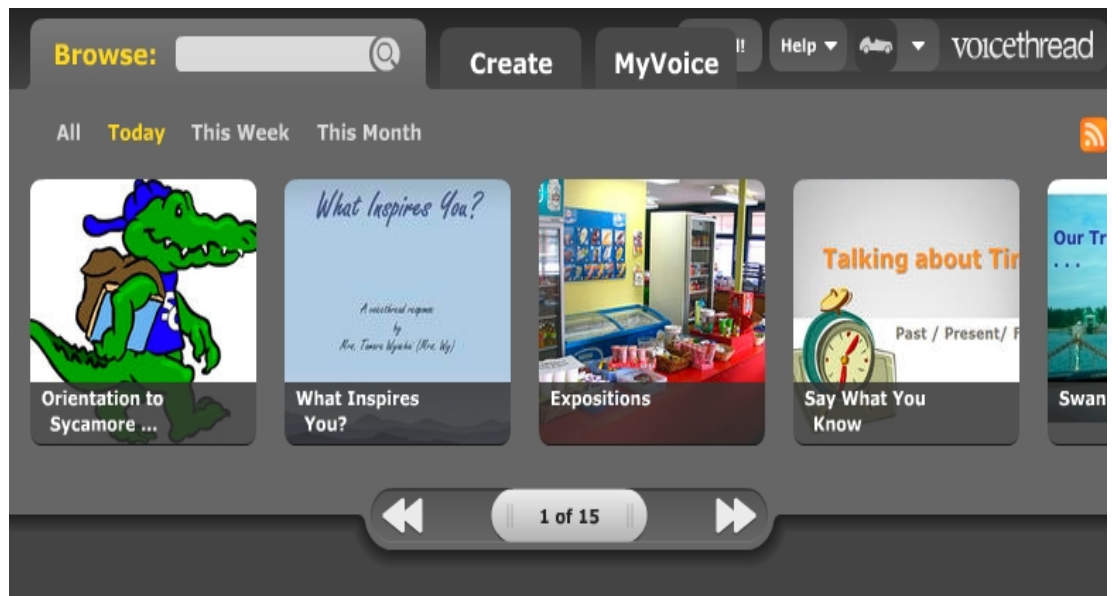


Introduction to VoiceThread.com



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•Welcome to **Voicethread.com**! It's now easier than ever to engage other educators and learners with your presentations and images!

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•What is it?

•VoiceThread.com enables you to share any document you have—a Powerpoint slideshow, a Word document, a series of photos of people at your school—and then add audio, text, video comments.

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•It enables you to have conversations about what you're sharing with your audience. You can pre-record your voice, record it online, call in with your mobile phone, and the possibilities are endless as to what you can use VoiceThread for.

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•About this Tutorial

•This tutorial is divided up into several sections; those sections include the following:

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- How to Get Your VoiceThread Account
- How to Get the Free Educator Account (a \$50 value)
- How to Put a Slideshow online
- How to Enable Commenting by Others (or not)
- How to Share Your VoiceThread with Others

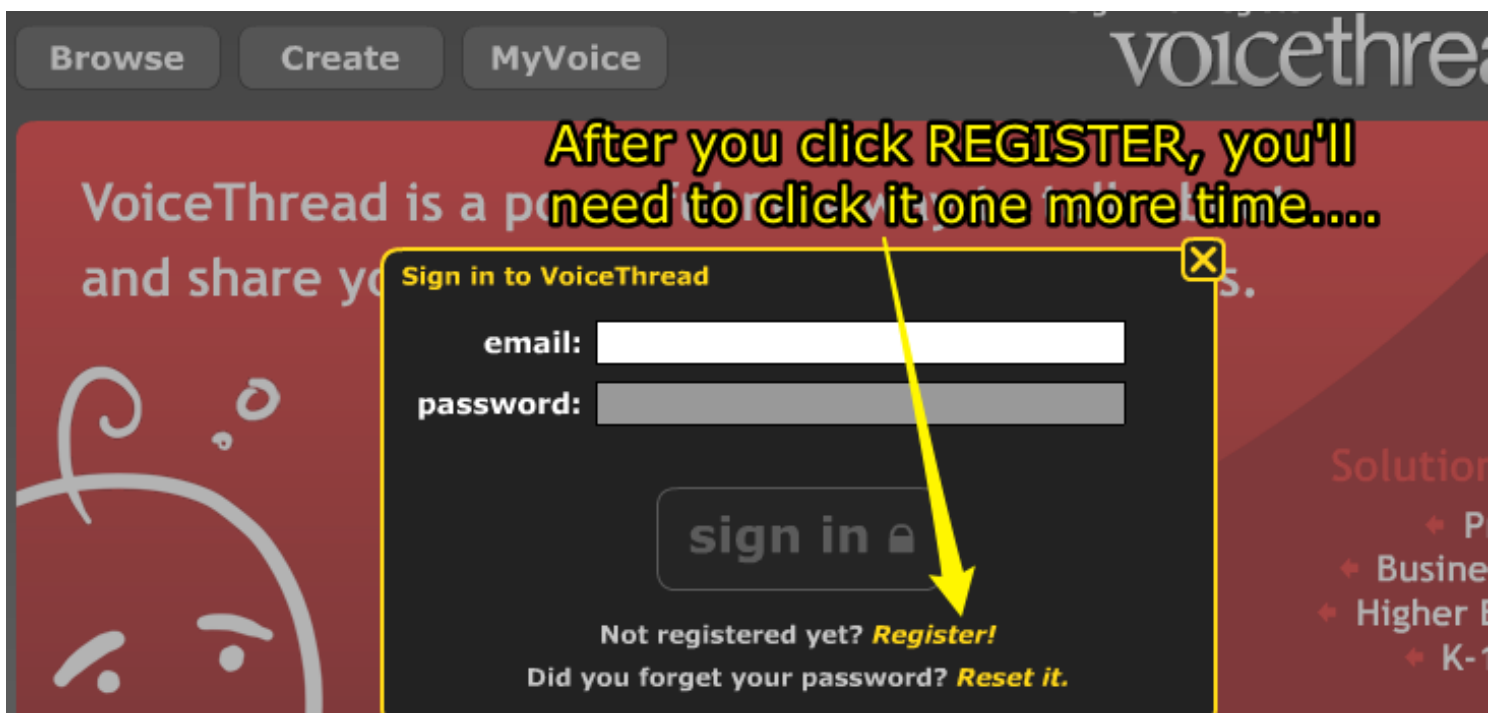
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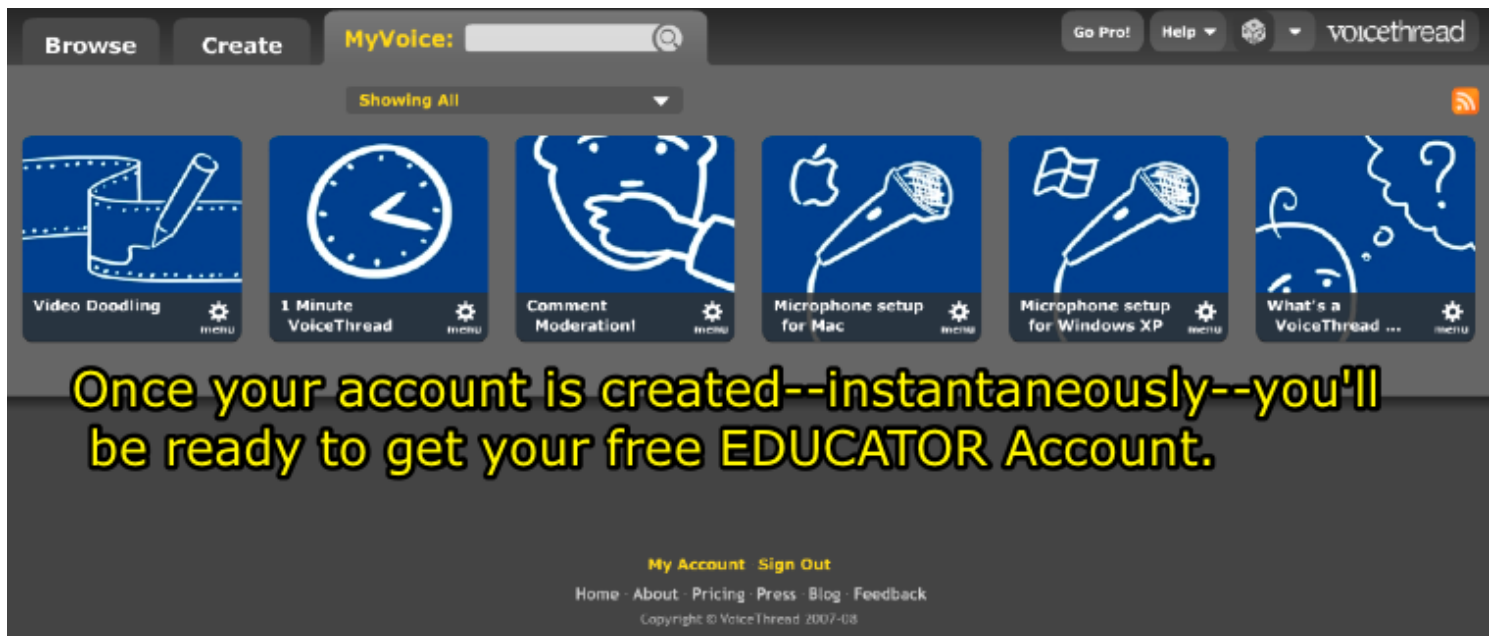
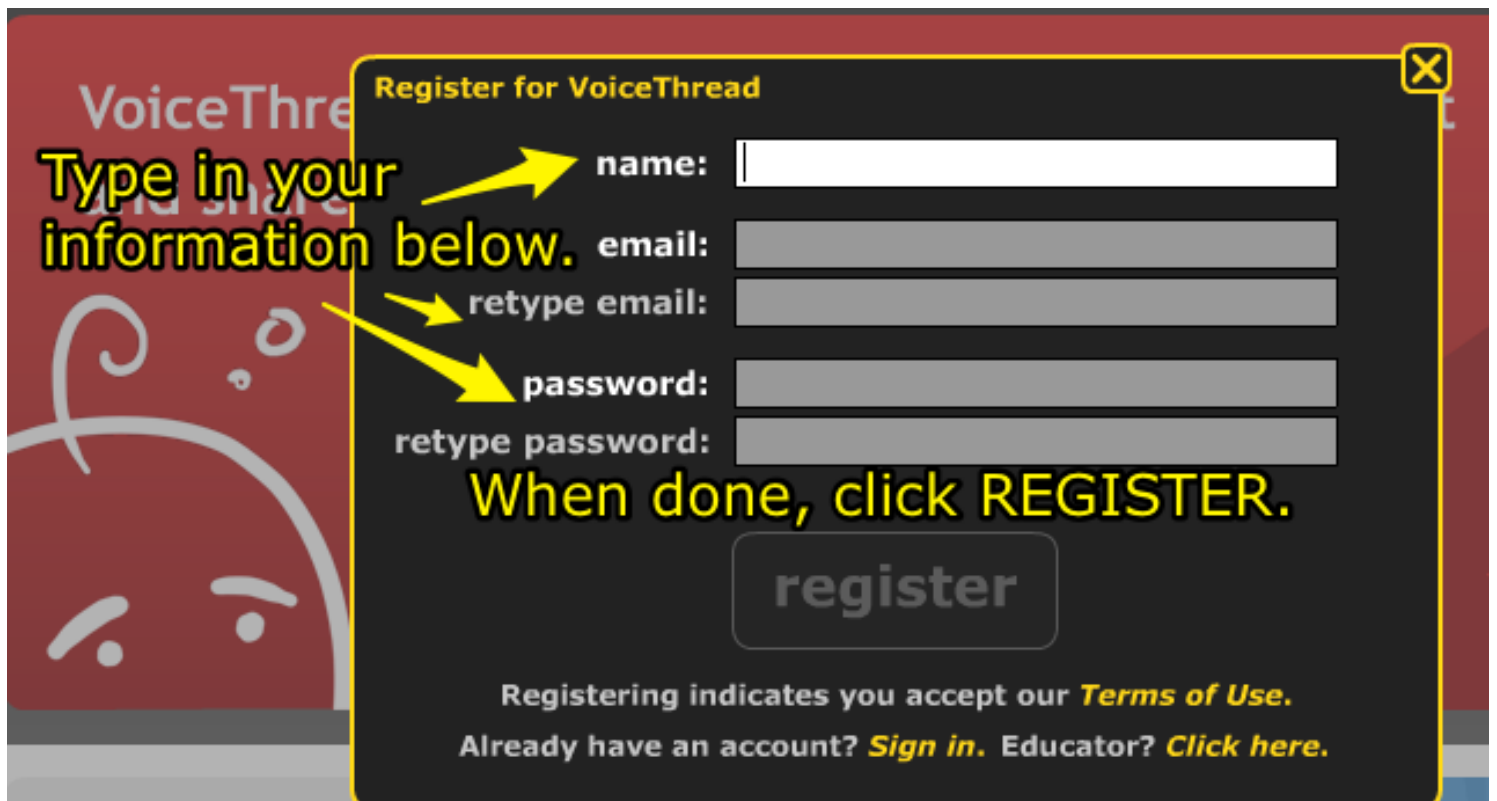
The screenshot shows the Voicethread.com website interface. At the top, there are three navigation buttons: "Browse", "Create", and "MyVoice". The "voicethread" logo is in the top right corner. The main content area has a green background with the text: "Capturing voices just got a lot easier. Safe and secure VoiceThread collaboration." Below this text are icons for a microphone, a phone, a document with 'A', an upload arrow, and a person with a speech bubble. To the right, it says "Ed.VoiceThread is a secure K-12 network for students and teachers to collaborate and share ideas with classrooms anywhere in the world." with a "Learn more" button and "K-12" text. In the bottom right of the green area, there is a "Solutions" section listing "Pro", "Business", "Higher Ed", and "K-12" with a star icon next to "K-12". At the bottom of the page, there are three promotional banners: "July 15th 2008 NECC 2008, techLEARNING testimonial", "LPGA FANBOOK", and "The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and voicethread".

How to Register for Your VoiceThread Account

Step 1: Go to <http://voicethread.com>

Step 2: Click on REGISTER in the top right-hand corner, as shown in the image below:





Now that you've created your VoiceThread.com account, you are immediately able to start creating VoiceThreads! But, before we start having fun, let's push on and get your free EDUCATOR account, which is a tremendous value at \$59.95!

Click the GO PRO button in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

Browse Create MyVoice:

Showing All

Video Doodling menu

Comment Moderation! menu

Microphone setup for Windows XP menu

1 Minute VoiceThread menu

Microphone setup for Mac menu

What's a VoiceThread ... menu

Click this to get the free educator account.

Go Pro!

1-year Pro account for **\$59.95**

Unlimited creative collaboration for about \$5.00 a month

Includes:

- Unlimited VoiceThreads
- Unlimited storage
- Upload audio comments
- No advertising

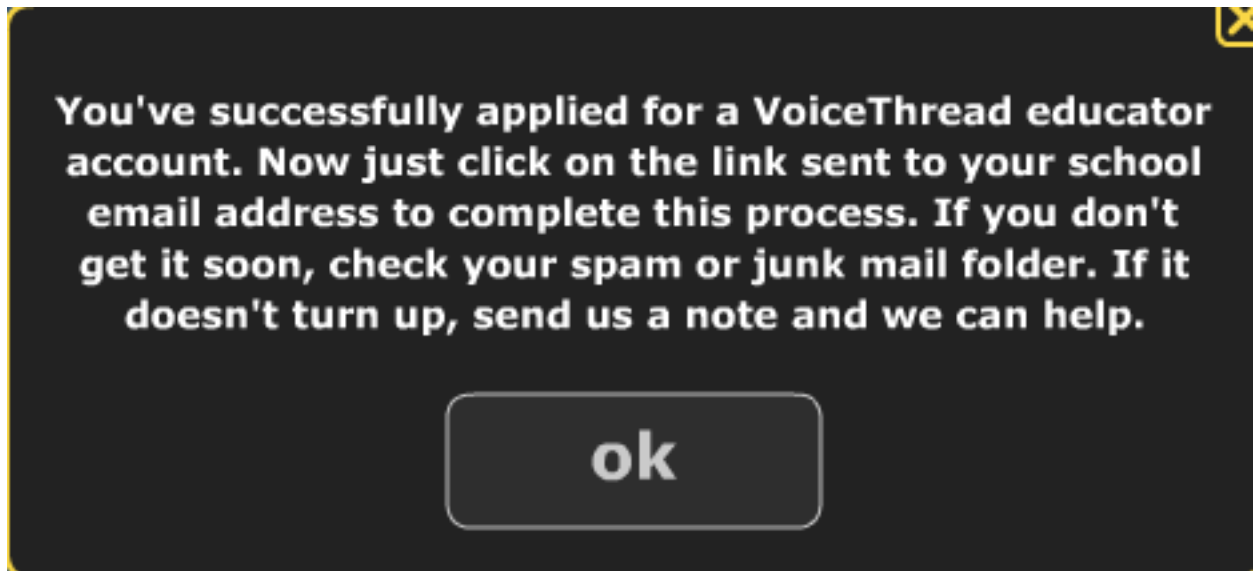
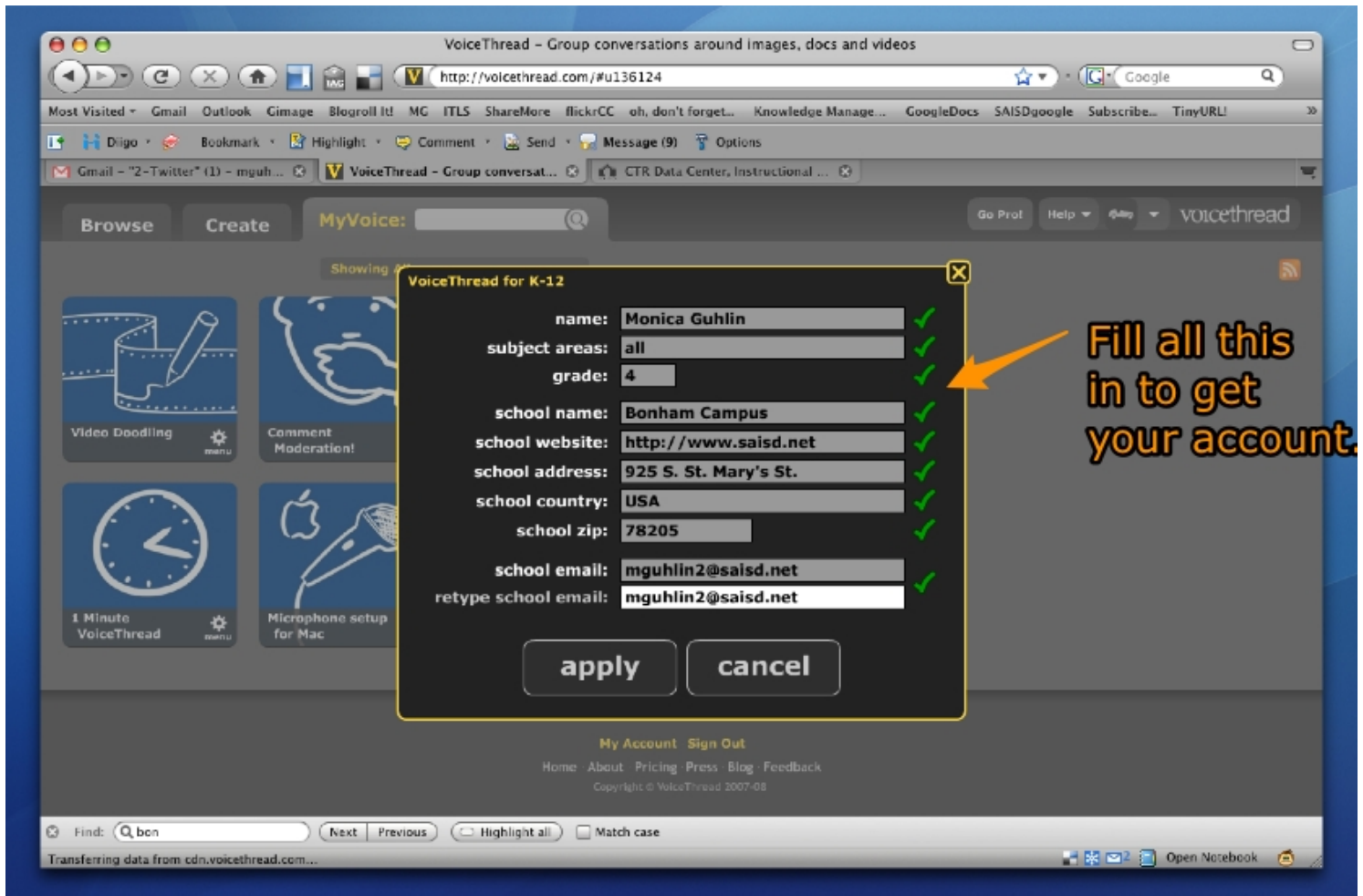
Learn more about VoiceThread Pro!

add to cart

not now

K-12 educators [click here](#).

Note that K-12 educators can “click here” to see options just for them!



Microsoft Office
Outlook Web Access

Inbox
Junk E-mail
Calendar
Contacts
Tasks
Folders
Public Folders
Options
Log Off

Reply Reply to all Forward Close Help

From: VoiceThread [info@voicethread.com]
To: Guhlin, Monica M
Cc:
Subject: VoiceThread Educator Account
Attachments:

Click on the link to confirm you are who you say you are.

We appreciate you taking the time to create a K-12 educator account at VoiceThread.

By clicking the link below, you are confirming that you are a K-12 educator. If you are not a K-12 educator or have not submitted an application, please delete this email. If we find evidence of abuse, we reserve the right to remove your account and all associated content. Please click the following link to complete your application:

<http://voicethread.com/confirm/teacher/Z0JokOtYTz/>

Browse Create MyVoice

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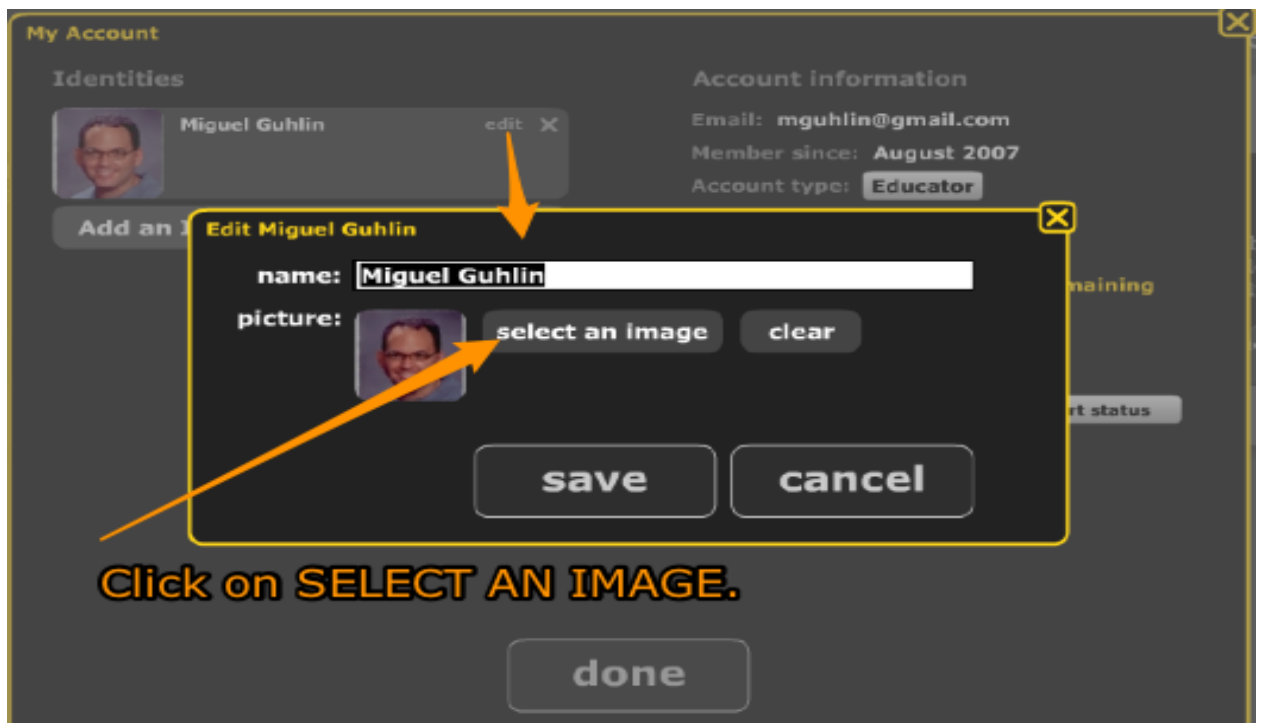
Success!

Congratulations, you've successfully upgraded to a VoiceThread educator account, which has almost all the features of a **VoiceThread Pro** account. We're doing our best to make VoiceThread accessible in as many classrooms as possible, but to prevent misuse we may need to re-verify your educator status annually.

Make sure to view our tutorials on all the basics of using VoiceThread, you can access them from the help menu and at some point feel free to explore **Ed.VoiceThread**, our secure K-12 collaborative network, restricted to K-12 students, educators and administrators. The accountable environment on Ed.VoiceThread allows students to have their own accounts, work independently, and develop their own portfolio of work, safely and securely. For more details visit <http://ed.voicethread.com/about/>.

How to Add Your Picture to VoiceThread.com

One of the annoying aspects of VoiceThread is that it will constantly ask you to upload a picture of yourself. This picture is used to represent you when you leave audio/text/video comments for others.

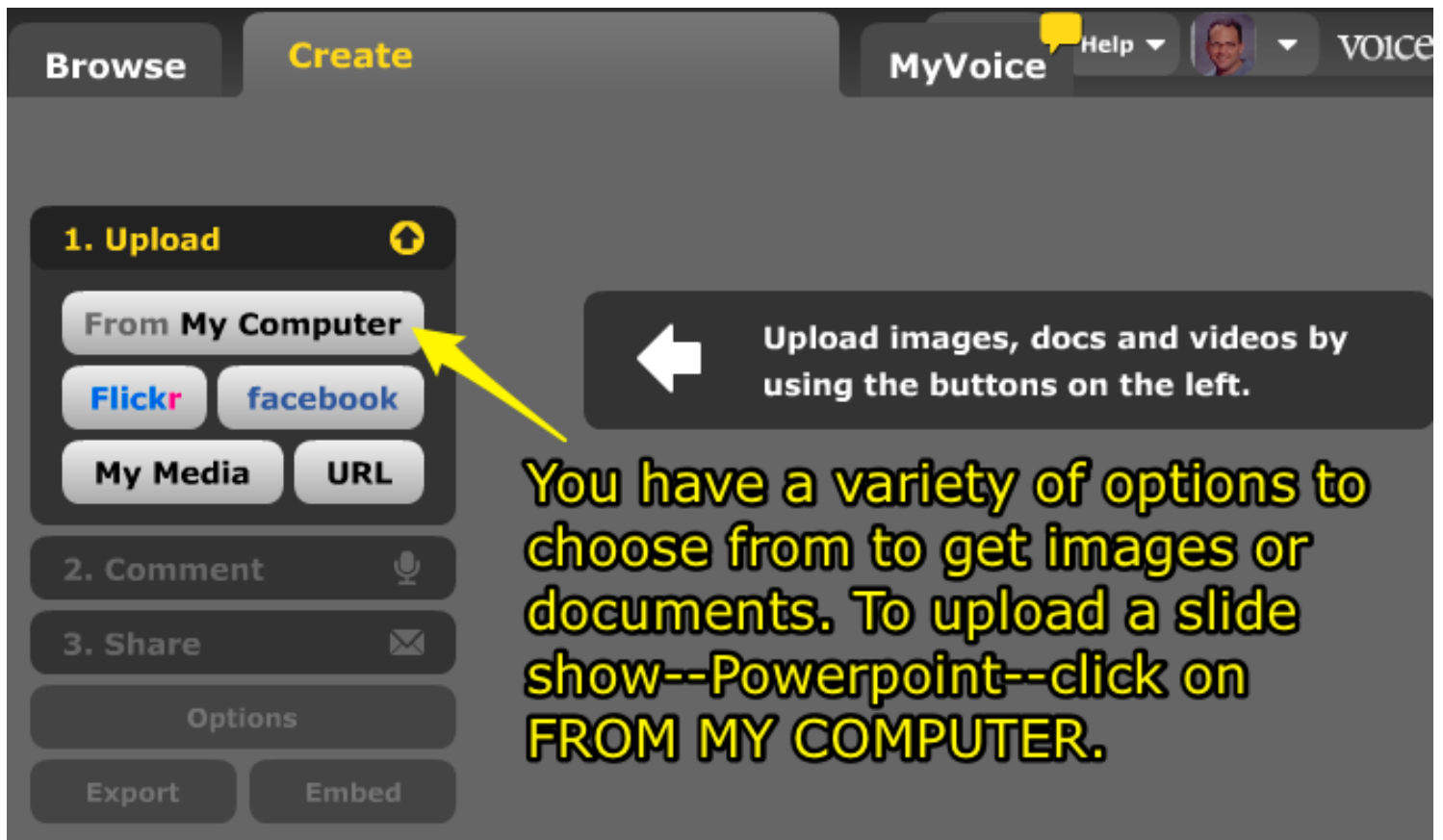


After you have selected an image of your face (or your favorite image), click SAVE then DONE. And, that's it!

How to Put a SlideShow Online


You can easily upload—that is, send your Powerpoint—your slide show to VoiceThread.com. Once your Powerpoint is online, you can add audio/video/text comments to it. This section will walk you through that process!

To start out, click on the CREATE button on VoiceThread.com.






Note that when you click UPLOAD, the first step in the CREATE process, you will be given the opportunity to choose your presentation.

You can BROWSE to where your Powerpoint slide show is on your computer's hard drive.




Browse **Create** MyVoice Help  voicethread

A Leader's Guide to Podcasting and More (no description) **Edit Title** **Delete Thread**


1. Upload 
2. Comment 
3. Share 

Options


Export Embed

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Citizen-Journalism




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
(add a title and link) 

Note that your uploaded Powerpoint slides will appear above as individual images.

The next step once you get your Powerpoint loaded is to add COMMENTS to each slide. This is useful because you can actually share what you wanted to say about any particular slide in the presentation.

Browse **Create** MyVoice Help  voicethread

(untitled) (no description) **Add a title and description** **Delete Thread**

1. Upload 
2. Comment 
3. Share 

Options

Export Embed


Once you click on comment under the slide, you'll be able to leave comments in a variety of ways.

vision

"You cannot have a learning organization without shared vision. Without a pull toward some goal which people truly want to achieve, the forces in support of status quo can be overwhelming."

- Peter Senge, *The Fifth Discipline*

use your phone to make a comment



Notice that if you have a built-in video camera, you can leave a video comment.

"You cannot have a learning organization without shared vision. Without a pull toward some goal which people truly want to achieve, the forces in support of status quo can be overwhelming."

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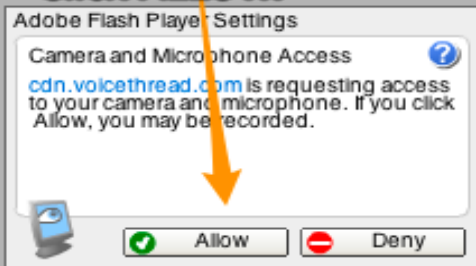
Audio and text comments are also possible!

use your webcam to make a comment



When adding a video/audio comment, VoiceThread.com may ask you for permission to access your camera and microphone on your computer.

Click ALLOW.



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click "Allow"...

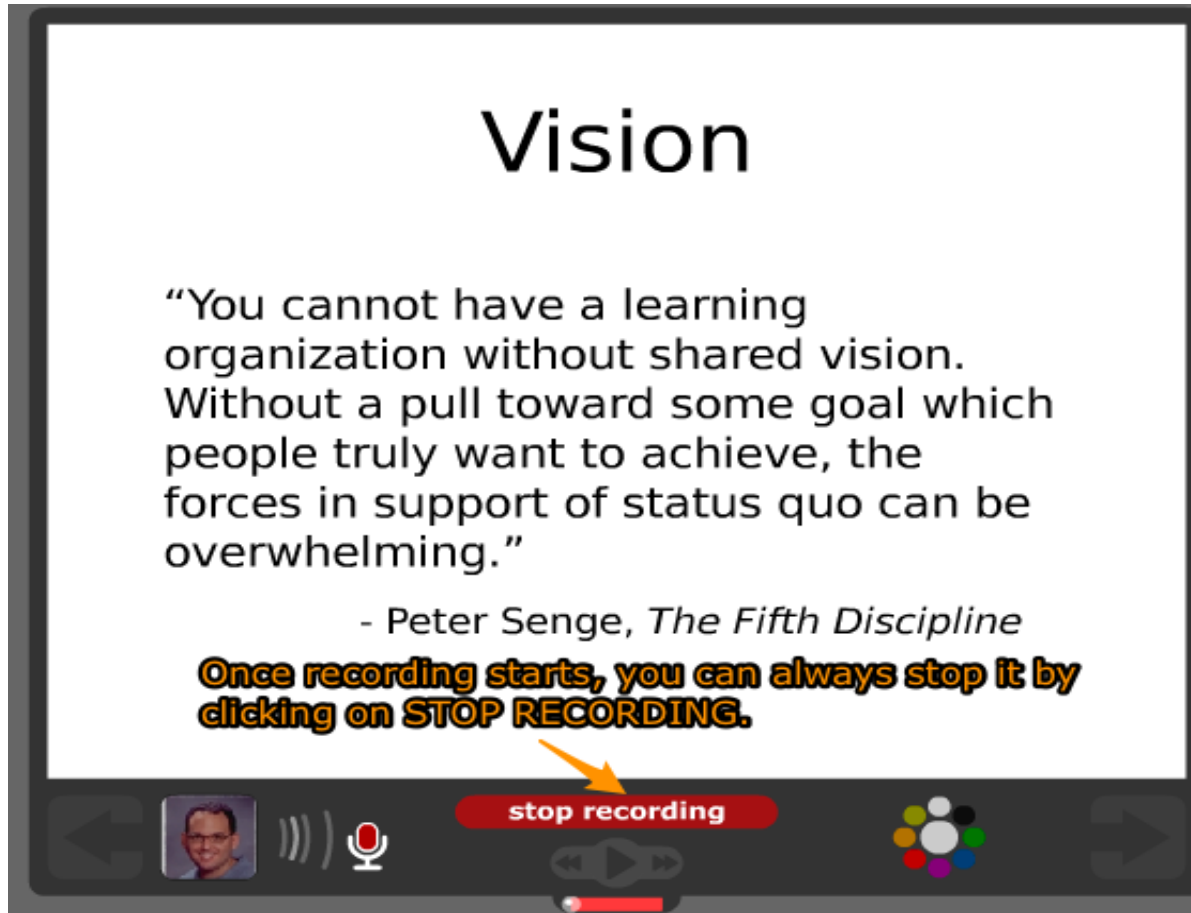


Vision

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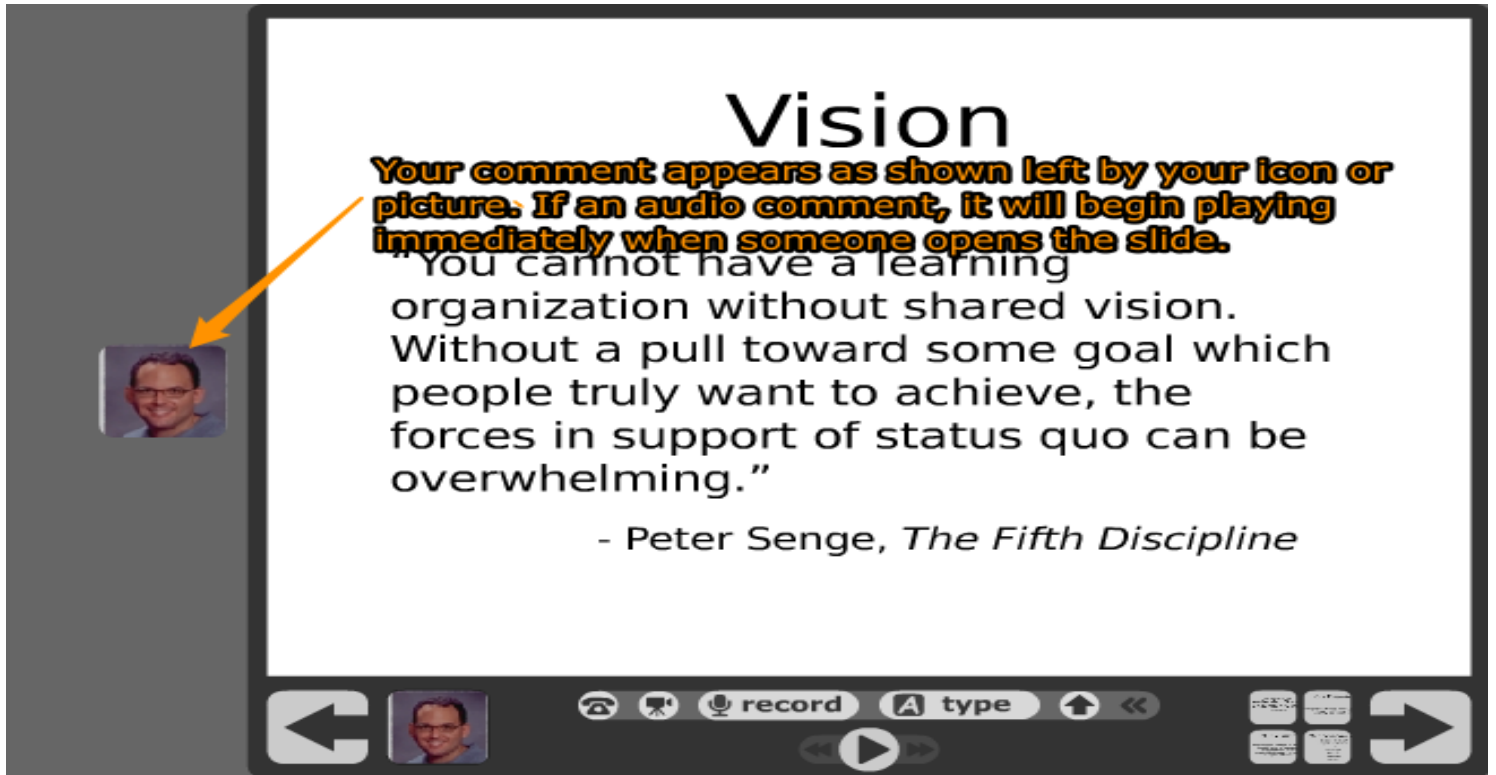
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Once recording starts, you can always stop it by clicking on STOP RECORDING.

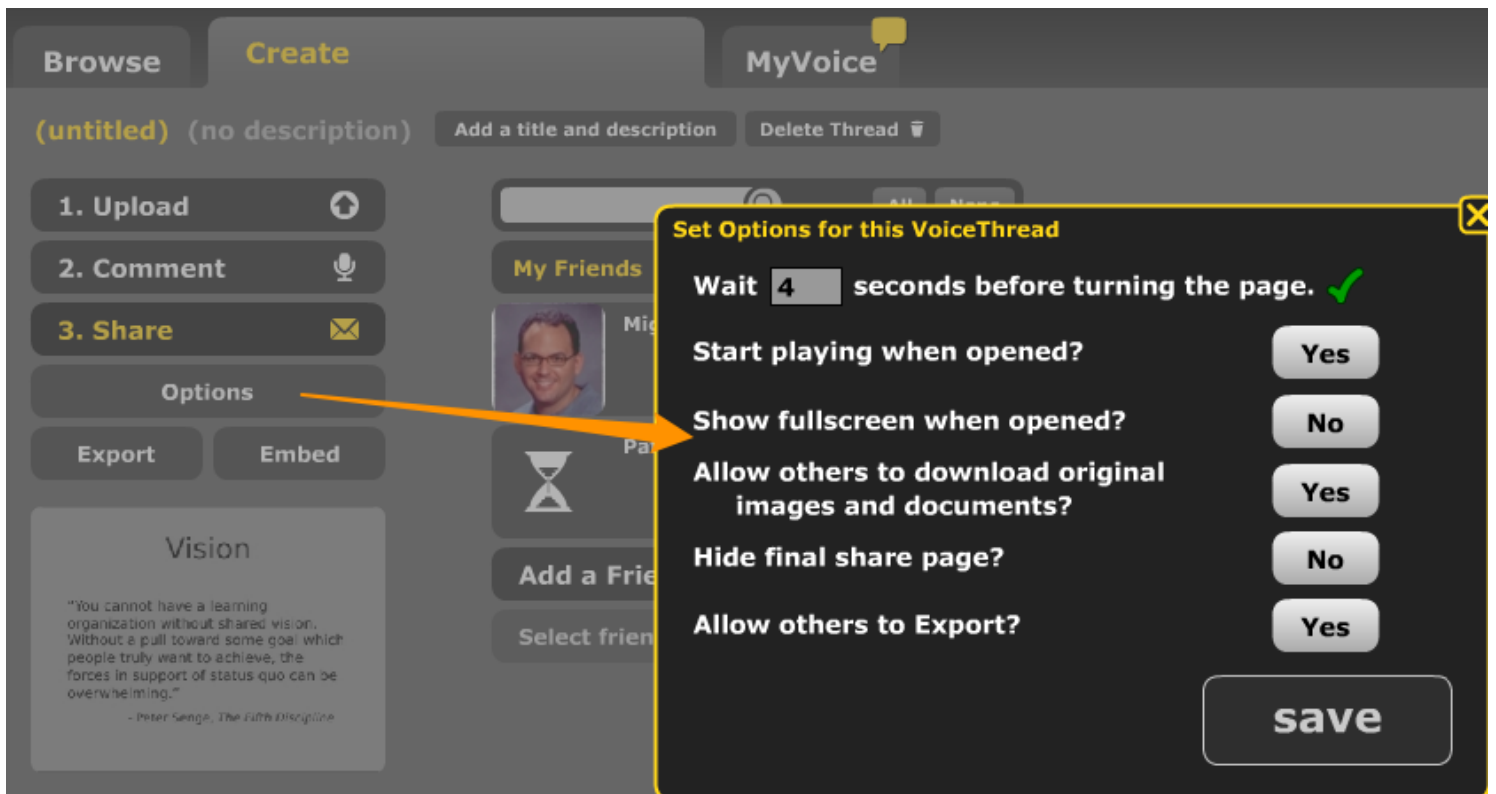


After you STOP RECORDING, you can SAVE or CANCEL.





As seen below, you can also click on **OPTIONS** to determine how many seconds before each slide automatically moves forward (this is also adjusted to your audio recording), as well as allowing others to get an original copy of your presentation document. Click **SAVE**.



Once you have created your VoiceThread, or when you are viewing ANY VoiceThread, you can quickly jump to one slide out of many by using the slide cluster button in the bottom right hand corner.

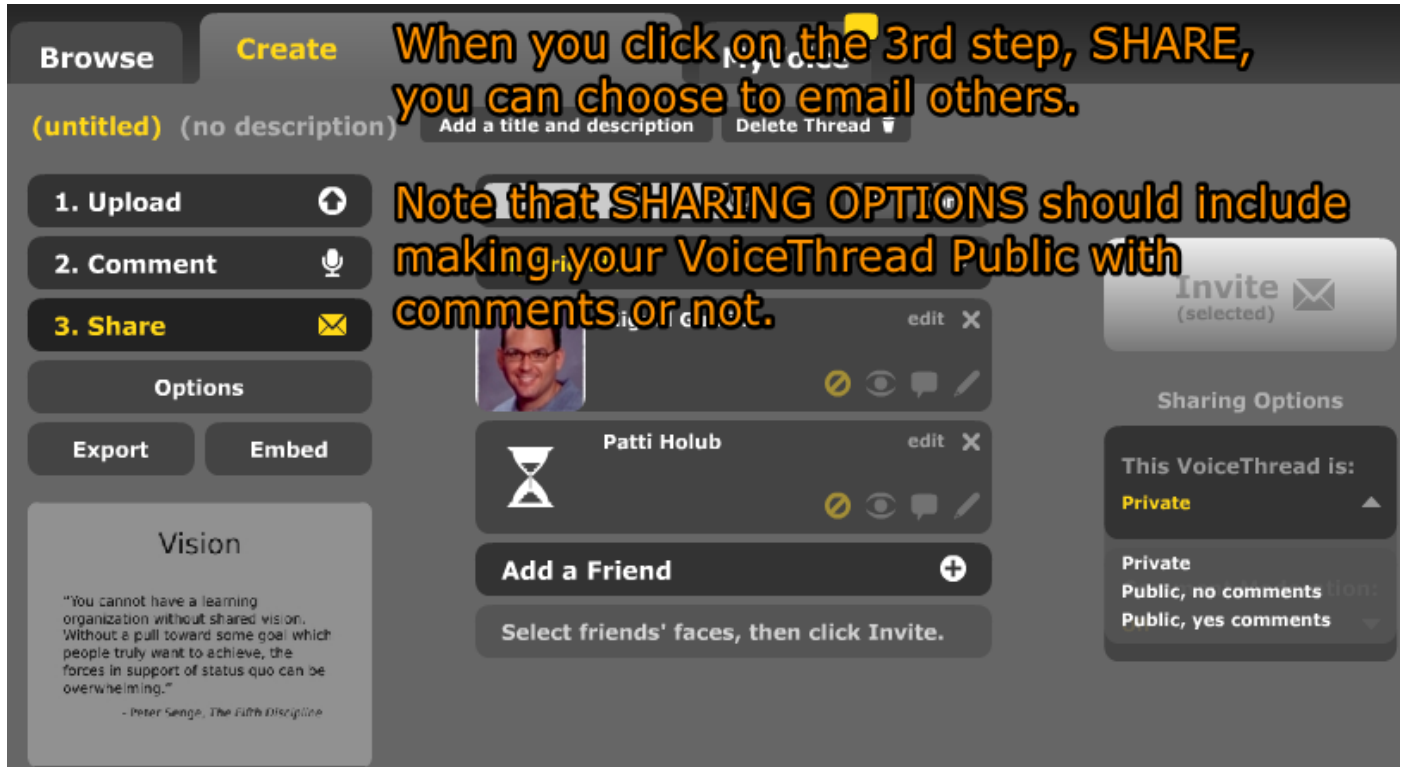
View All Slides in Your VoiceThread by clicking on the bottom right corner slide cluster.

The screenshot displays a VoiceThread titled "An Administrators' Introduction to Moodle". The interface features a grid of slides, each with a thumbnail and a vertical label on the right side. The slides include:

- Slide 1: "An Administrators' Introduction to Moodle" with a thumbnail showing a globe and people.
- Slide 2: "Why use Moodle? How do I get started? Where can I learn more?" with a text-based thumbnail.
- Slide 3: "Why use Moodle?" with a thumbnail showing a woman speaking.
- Slide 4: "Why use Moodle?" with a thumbnail showing a Moodle interface.
- Slide 5: "Why use Moodle?" with a thumbnail showing a list of links.
- Slide 6: "How Do I Get Started?" with a thumbnail showing a Moodle interface.
- Slide 7: "Where can I learn more?" with a thumbnail showing a website.
- Slide 8: A slide by "Higazi Gullis" with a "Share" button and a "Copy and paste this link" field.

At the bottom of the screen is a navigation bar with several icons: a profile picture, a microphone icon, a "record" button, a "type" button, a "share" icon, and a "slide cluster" button. The "slide cluster" button is highlighted with an orange arrow pointing from the text above. The "slide cluster" button consists of a small thumbnail of the current slide and a larger thumbnail of the next slide, with a right-pointing arrow.

How To Share Your VoiceThread with Others



When sharing my VoiceThreads with others, I usually set my SHARING OPTIONS as “Public, yes comments” because I want others to interact with what I have to say and share via my VoiceThread presentation.

However, you may not want to allow that, and you have the choice of making it “Public, no comments” or, if you really want to restrict the audience, choose “Private.”

There is another important option to be aware of, especially if you have a web page or blog. You can actually EMBED your VoiceThread on a web page.

Let's explore how to do that.

Here's the quickest ways to share your VoiceThread.com with others...copy-n-paste the embed code or just copy the link and share that with others.

Embed this VoiceThread

Post Bookmark Email

iGoogle MySpace Friendster Facebook Orkut Bebo Tagged Blogger Hi5 Live Spaces Piczo LiveJournal Xanga Netvibes

Copy-n-paste the code below and paste it into your blog or web page.

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<object width="480" height="360"><param name="movie" value="http://voicethread.com/book.swf?b=186662"></param><param name="wmode" value="transparent"></param><embed src="http://voicethread.com/book.swf?b=186662" type="application/x-shockwave-flash" wmode="transparent" width="480" height="360"></embed></object>
```

If you just want to share the link quickly, copy-n-paste the link below:

<http://voicethread.com/share/186662/> Copy this

done

The export option costs money...about \$10 each.

eLearning with ITLS

Relearning Resources Tutorial for VoiceThread (Print)

Embedded VoiceThread on a Web Page

powered by voicethread.com

A Leader's Field Guide to Citizen-Journalism

Session Materials - <http://itls.saisd.net/learn>

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Director, Instructional Technology Services
<http://itls.saisd.net/learn>

voice thread - group conversations around images, docs, and videos

<http://voicethread.com/eq.b1713851914964>

voice thread - group conversations around images, docs, and videos

Where the link to a Voicethread takes you.

The idea behind citizen journalism is that people without professional journalism training can use the tools of modern technology and the global distribution of the Internet to create, augment or fact-check media on their own or in collaboration with others.

Source: Wikipedia

Session Materials - <http://itls.saisd.net/learn>

If you decided to export your VoiceThread, you'll see a window that looks like the one below. Again, the purpose of this is to enable you to save your VoiceThread as a movie you can store on your computer, upload to Edublogs.tv (online video/audio storage site for educators), YouTube, or GoogleVideo.

Export this VoiceThread

Export an Archival Movie version of this VoiceThread to download and save, share or view offline. Here's a **sample**. Depending on the VoiceThread's length creation time may vary. We'll send you an email when it's ready to download. Archival Movies cost \$2.99 each (Pro accounts include 30 credits) or **buy 10 for \$10**.

Export Credits: 0

export **not now**

Your Shopping Cart

	Cost	Qty
Export to a Movie Puppy Love	\$2.99	1

Again, if you're going to be using your VoiceThread for an online slideshow that your audience can leave feedback on, you probably will not need to archive this. However, if you're a teacher, this might be a fun option to burn DVDs for your students to take home with them. But again, it's all on the Web anyways....

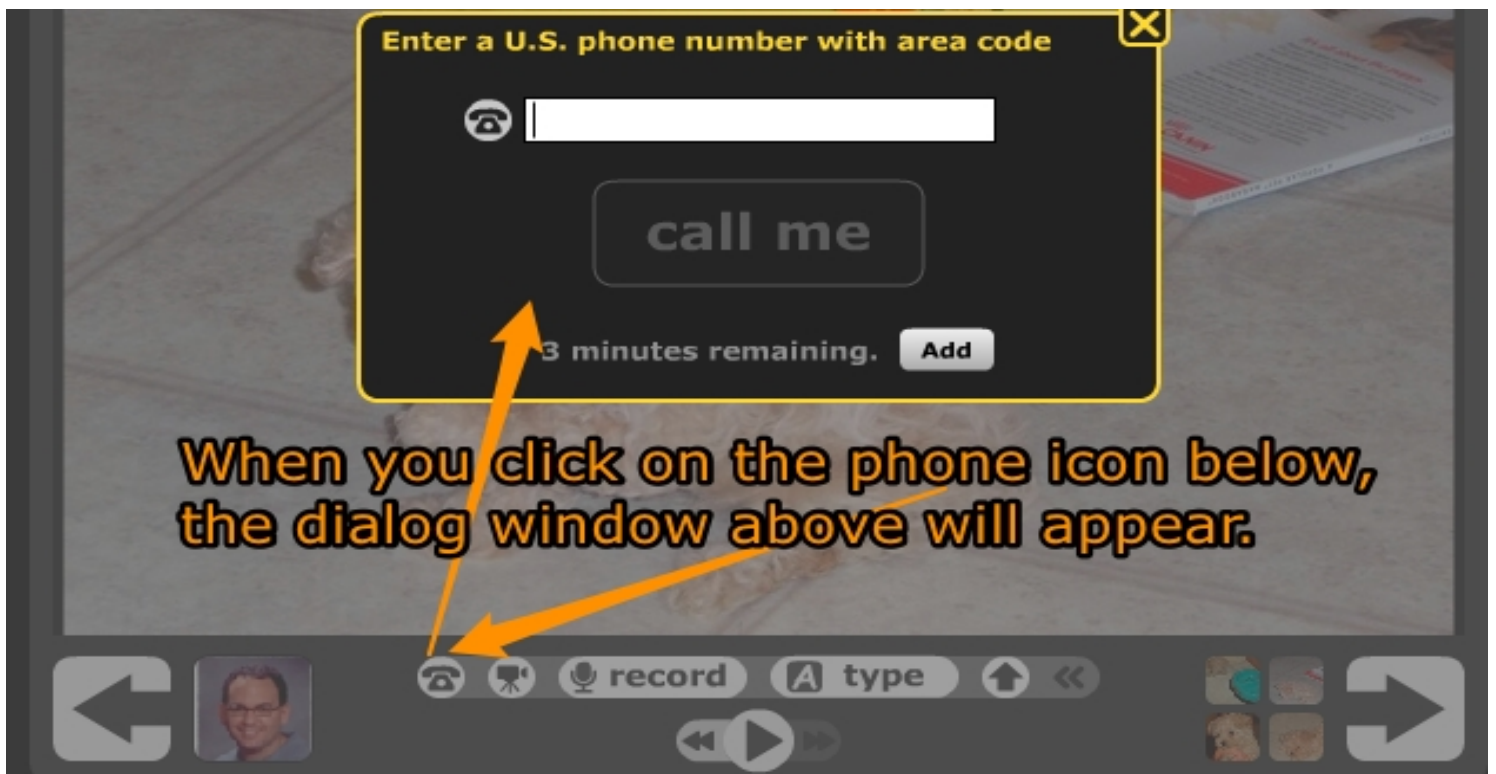
Total: \$2.99

buy **cancel**

Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

Using Your Phone (mobile or otherwise)

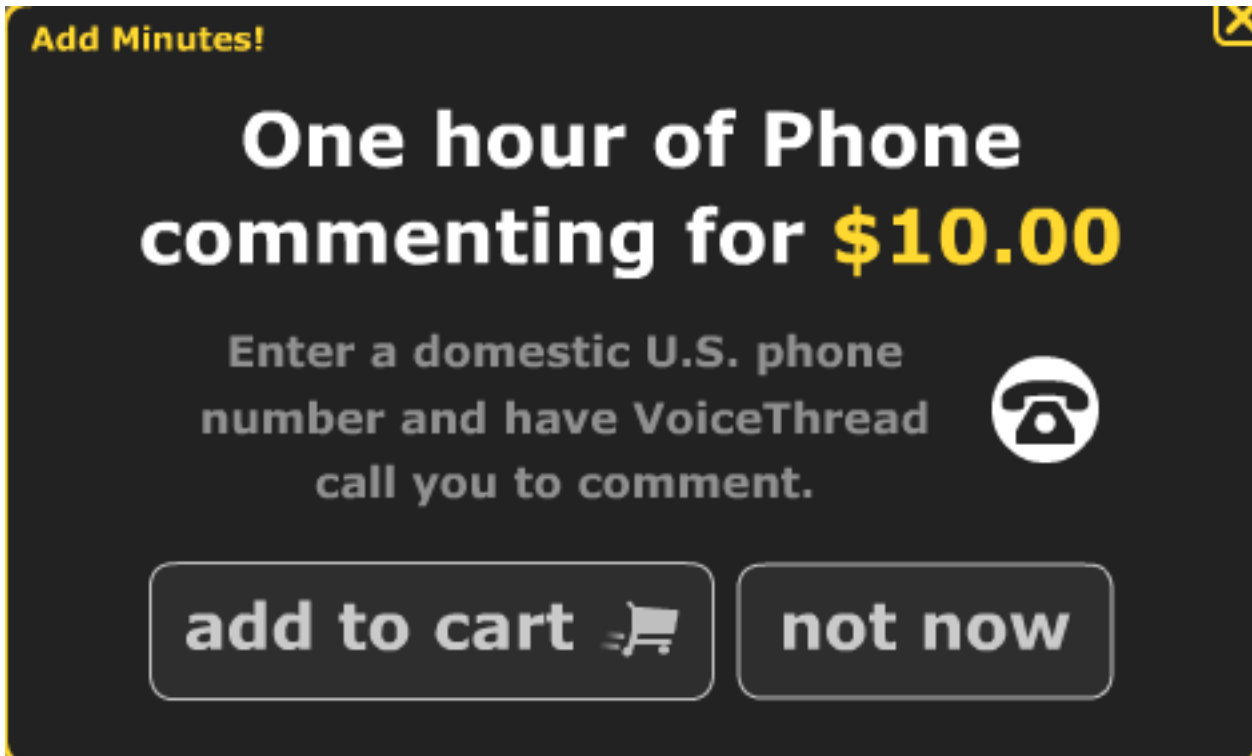
As shared earlier, you can leave multi-media comments on VoiceThread. But one of the nifty features is being able to use your mobile phone to do so.



When you click on the phone icon below, the dialog window above will appear.

Although you will get about 3 minutes of free commenting, you can click on the ADD button and get more time at cost.


When you click on the ADD button (view previous screenshot) you will get a window that looks like this one below. I'm going to click NOT NOW and just go with free commenting.




Add Minutes!

One hour of Phone commenting for **\$10.00**

Enter a domestic U.S. phone number and have VoiceThread call you to comment.

add to cart  **not now**



My phone rang and I made the audio recording for this slide. Several options became available after I made my audio recording via phone, including re-recording from scratch.

After recording my audio comment via phone I simply hung up the phone.

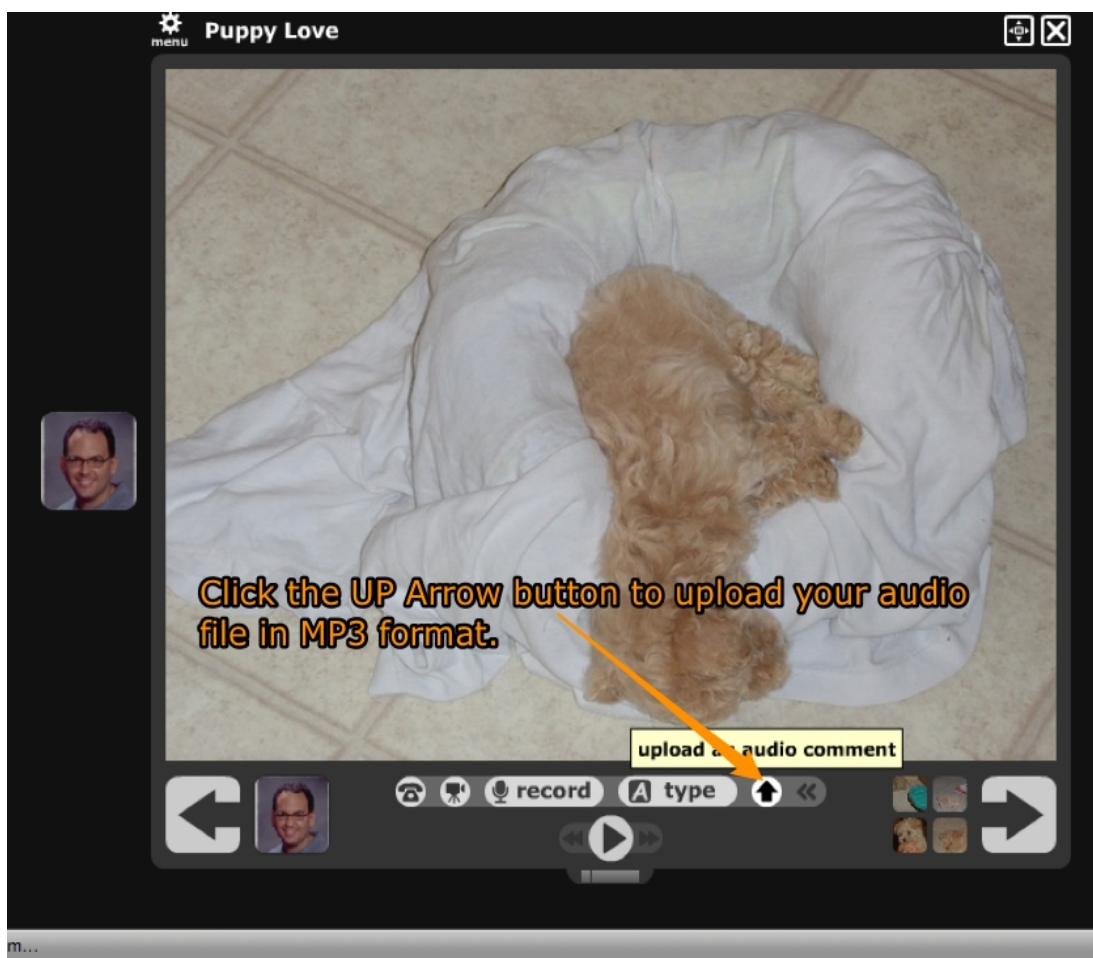
recording **cancel**

Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

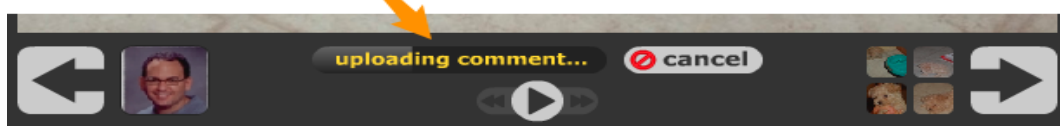
Upload Your Pre-Recorded Audio

I often like to record audio using an Olympus WS-110, convert it from WMA to MP3 format, and then edit it using Audacity sound editor. It gives me greater control over the content.

This makes it easy for me to create audio with special sound effects I wouldn't normally have access to when recording by phone or just using the record function in VoiceThread.



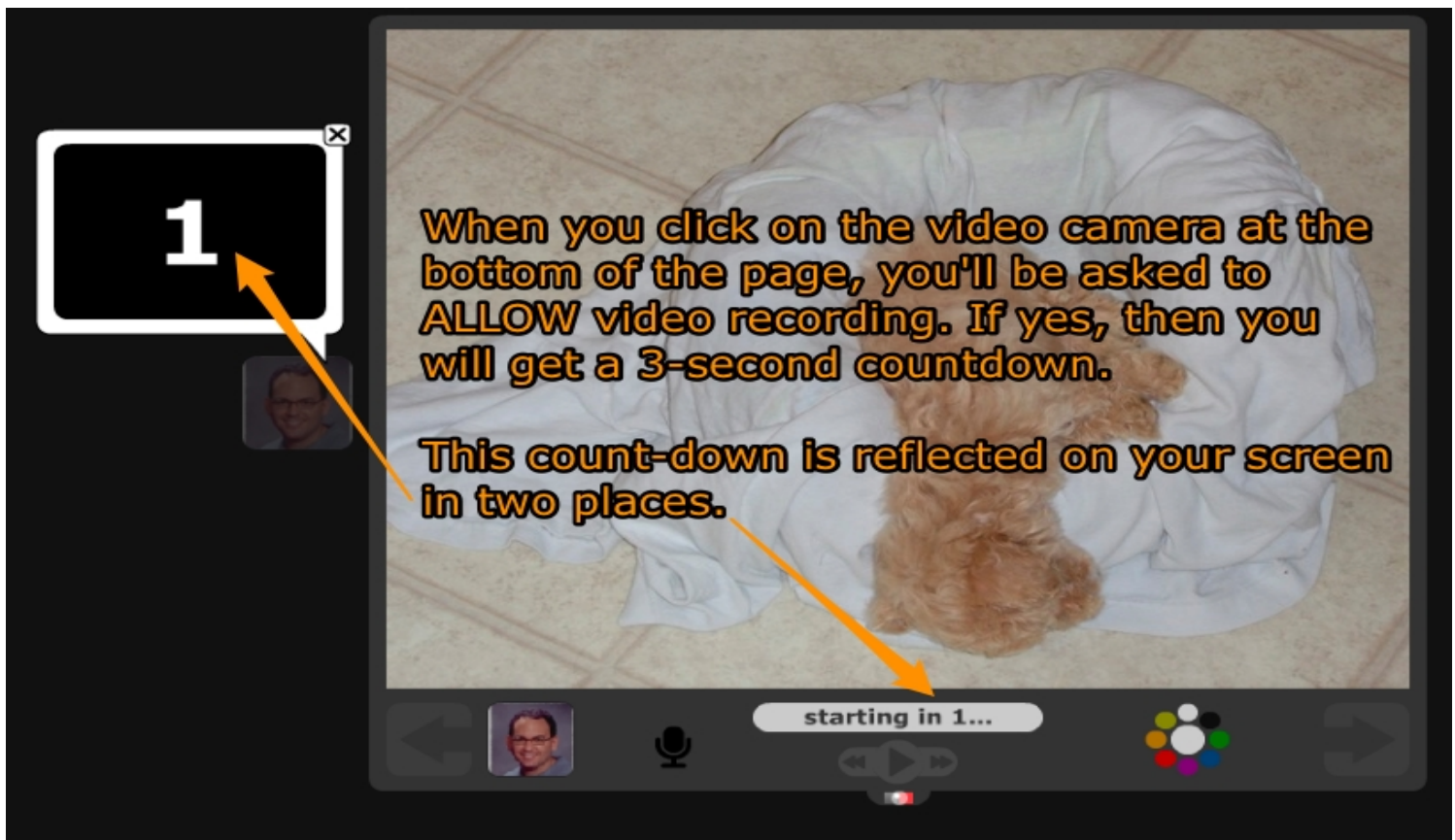
Here is what an audio upload looks like in progress.....



Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

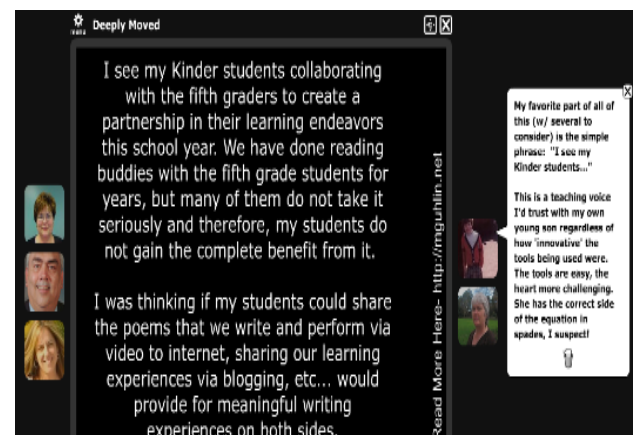
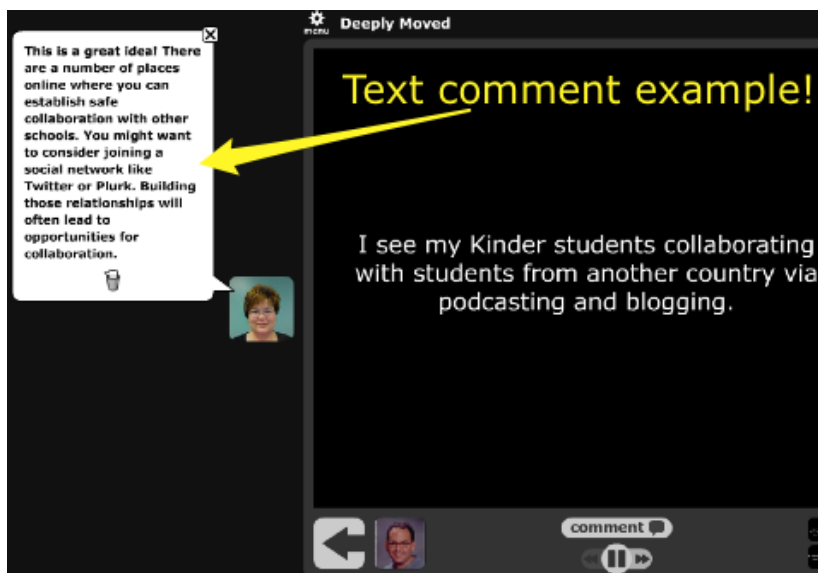
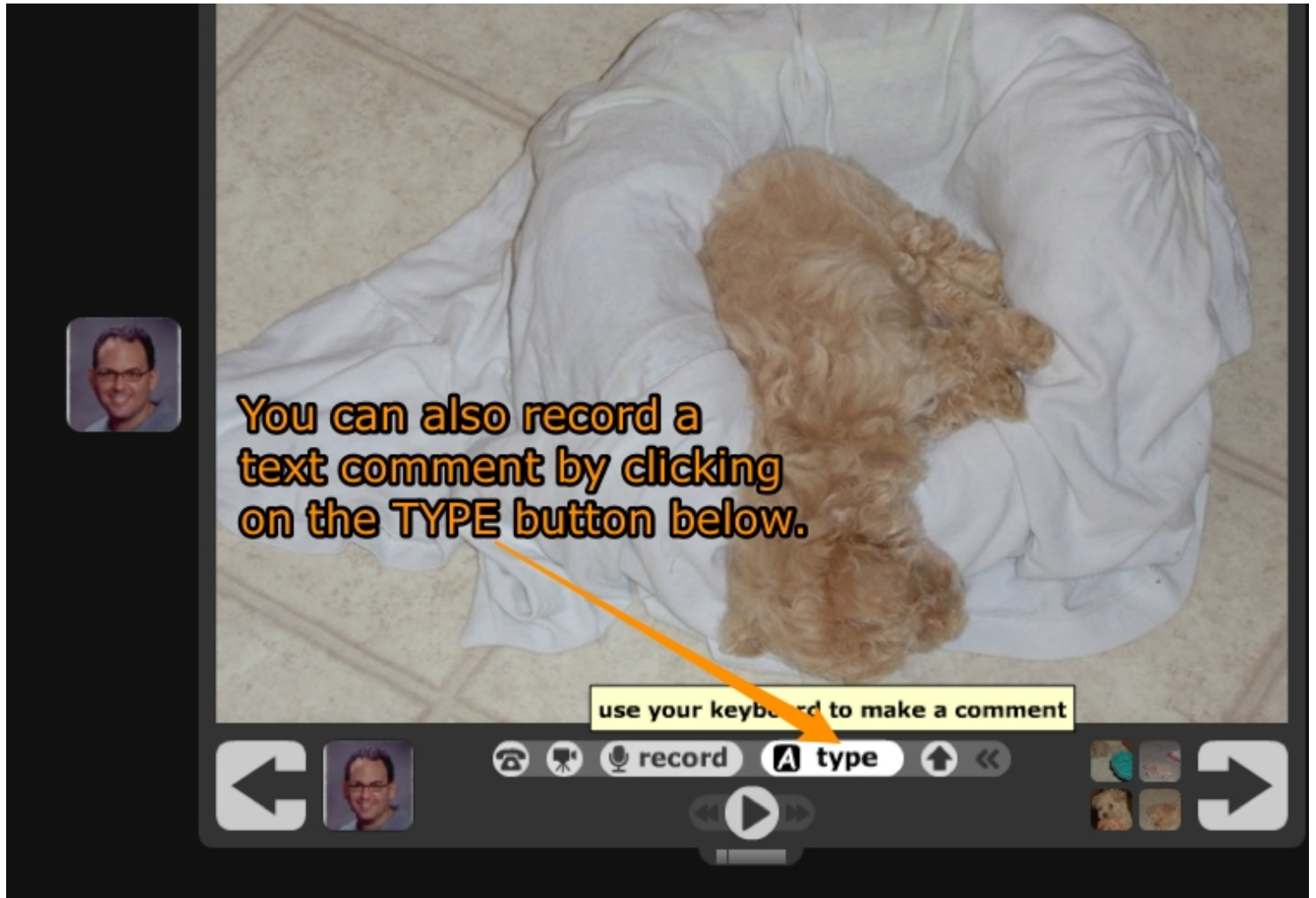
Using Your Video/Web Camera

You can also add video comments to your slides provided you have a webcam or video camera attached to your computer.



Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

Adding Text Comment



Text, audio and video comments co-exist!

Great Examples of VoiceThread Use in K-12 Environments

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Voicethread 4 Education wiki. The header includes the Voicethread logo, a user profile for 'guest', and navigation links for 'home', 'page', 'discussion (5)', 'history', and 'notify me'. A sidebar on the left offers options like 'Join this Space', 'Recent Changes', and 'Manage Space', along with a search bar and a 'wiki navigation' menu listing levels from 'Home' to 'Best Practices'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the Voicethread 4 Education wiki' message, a brief introduction to the wiki's purpose, a definition of a VoiceThread, and a list of resources available on the site. A URL is highlighted in yellow at the bottom.

voicethread guest · Join · Help

home page discussion (5) history notify me

Welcome to the Voicethread 4 Education wiki

Hello and welcome to the VoiceThread 4 Education wiki. This wiki was started by [Cecilia Cassinelli](#) but because of contributors like [comprehensive collection of VoiceThread examples](#) from students and teachers of all ages and groups. The purpose of this wiki is to show how educators are using Voicethread in their classrooms (or for professional development) and to share those examples.

In case you are unfamiliar with what we are talking about - a [VoiceThread](#) is an online media album that can hold essentially any type of documents and videos) and allows people to make comments in 5 different ways - using voice (with a microphone or telephone), text (via a webcam) - and share them with anyone they wish. A VoiceThread allows group conversations to be collected and shared in one public world.

What will you find here?

- Samples submitted by teachers of VoiceThread projects made by their students
- VoiceThreads used in professional development
- Resources, including other websites that contain VoiceThread examples
- Best Practices - tips and ideas of how to best implement VoiceThread in your curriculum
- Subject area ideas

This is your wiki. Please feel free to add any ideas, examples or resources to the site and provide appropriate link attribution. If you embed your VoiceThread projects in wikispaces - follow the directions below.

<http://voicethread4education.wikispaces.com> at <http://voicethread.org>

The screenshot shows a page titled 'Math247' with a URL highlighted in yellow: <http://math247.pbwiki.com/5NS2-5>. The page is powered by Voicethread.com and shows a math problem: '5NS2.5 Compute and perform simple multiplication and division of fractions and apply these procedures to solving problems'. The problem text is highlighted in green. Below the text are three numbered items (a, b, c) with a play button icon in the center. On the left side, there are three small profile pictures of users. On the right side, there are two icons: a hand holding a pen and a dog's head.

Math247

<http://math247.pbwiki.com/5NS2-5>

last edited by [Tim Fahlberg](#) 9 months, 3 weeks ago

Home > [Mathcasts Library](#) > [By Grade Level](#) > [5th Grade](#) > [5th Grade Number Sense](#) > [5NS 2.5](#)

5NS2.5 Compute and perform simple multiplication and division of fractions and apply these procedures to solving problems

powered by voicethread.com

a. A ribbon is 40 inches long. We want to cut the ribbon into pieces. Each piece will be $\frac{2}{3}$ of an inch. How many pieces will we have?

b. There are 20 bottles in a box. Each bottle weighs $1\frac{3}{4}$ pounds. How many pounds do all the bottles weigh together?

c. Richard has a large pizza. He gives away $\frac{1}{2}$ of it. then he gives away $\frac{1}{3}$ of