

Voicethread

Conversations around Audio and Images

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Sensory Learning: Visual and Auditory learner.

Bloom's Digital Taxonomy: Creating - Mixing, remixing, digital publishing.

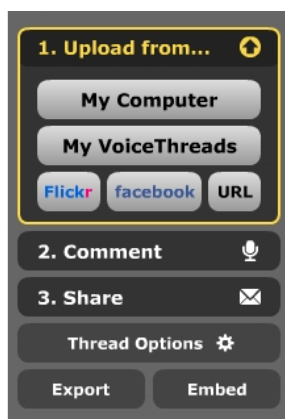
Starter Sheet - Tools for Teachers

Voicethread is an online web 2.0 tool that allows the user (registration required) to upload or select online/offline images, documents and videos, then add narration and vocal commentary to create a audio/visual presentation or product. These can then be shared with other users, embedded in webpages or exported for offline viewing. Offline exporting is a paid service. This is a tool for student or teacher presentations and publications, in an audio/visual medium. Voicethread allows students and teachers to comment or place feedback on Voicethreads in text or auditory formats.

Process: 1. Create an account (Free). 2. Upload images or select from online source. 3. Add comment (voice and text). 4. Share by embedding, email invitation or exporting to offline format.



Record a comment or add text.



Upload images from a variety of sources.

URL
<http://voicethread.com>

Alternatives:

Microsoft Photostory is a free offline alternative to Voicethread. Download and install, add images, music, narration and commentary then produce as a WMV format movie. It is limited in the distribution of the product and interactivity. Enhanced podcasts (either containing documents or "vodcasts") are also alternatives.

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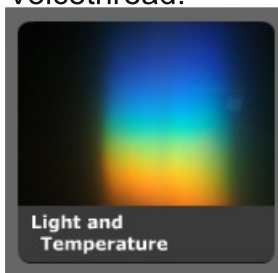
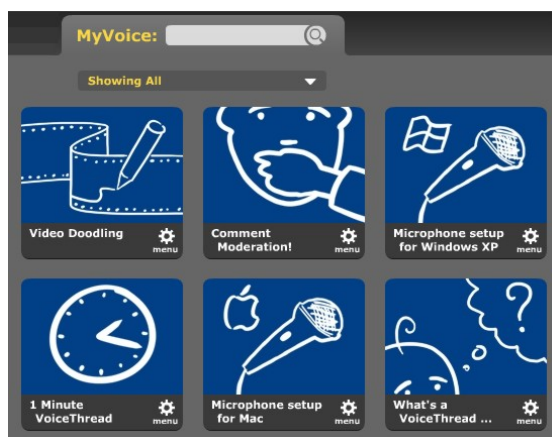
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In the Classroom.

As a classroom tool, Voicethread enables the **visual** and **auditory learner** and can be used in any curriculum area.

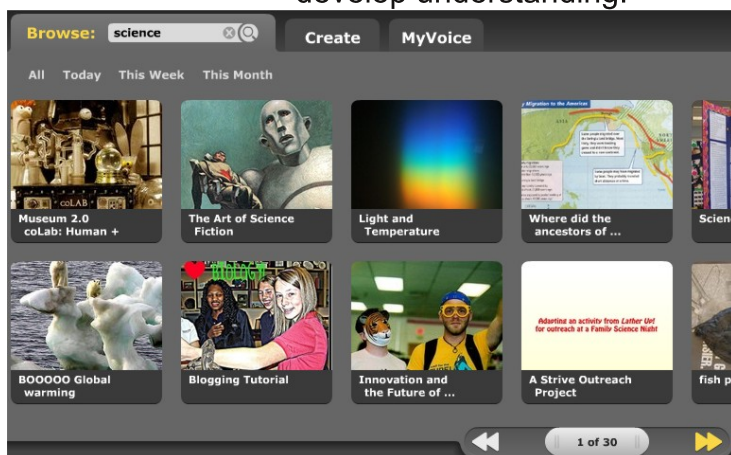
Students or teachers need to **access images** either by taking their own or by accessing images from the internet and obtaining permission to use these. From here they **upload** them to the site or enter the images URL (Universal Resource Locator). The user **add their commentary and narration** (see right) and make the voicethread available by sharing, embedding or emailing the URL. Other students can also comment on the Voicethread.



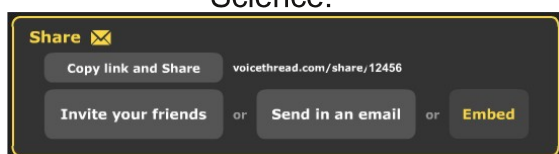
Access teaching resources online.

In science, this tool can be used to achieve a wide variety of **educational outcomes**. Students can use Voicethread to **present** experiments, **report** back on research and assignments, **describe** observations, explain reports, **create and evaluate** etc.

For the teacher, this can be a great tool for **delivering content** and **revising lessons**. For the students, teachers **presenting, describing and explaining** using this tool allows them to have the **familiarity of the teachers** explanations linked with **anywhere anytime access** to the resources. Students can **stop and replay** the explanation and view the resources as often as they need to develop understanding.



Searching for resources using keywords like Science.



Sharing your student's work by embedding the URL in a webpage or emailing the address.

A **quick search** on Voicethread using the **keyword** "Science" quickly reveals a broad selection of resources **shared** on the site. The use of comments allows the students (and teachers) to receive feedback on their Voicethreads.

