



Voicethread

At a Glance...

- permits media-rich discussions and collaboration
- Service paid for by WCPSS
- student and teacher accounts already exist

Access It At...

<http://wcpss.ed.voicethread.com> or mobile app

Required Knowledge...

- Basic MS Windows / PC operation
- OR Basic iPad and/or Android device experience

Username / Password

Teachers:

Username: wcpss+employee ID# (no leading zeros)

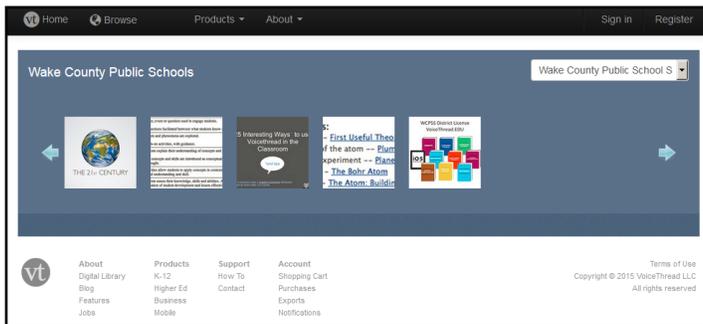
Password: employee ID# (no leading zeros)

Students:

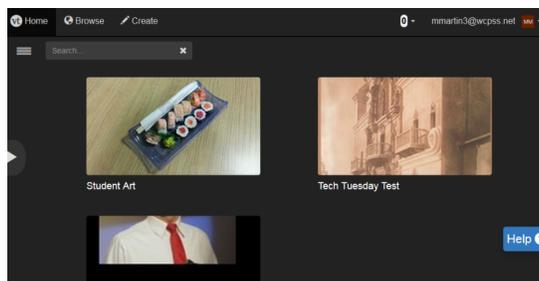
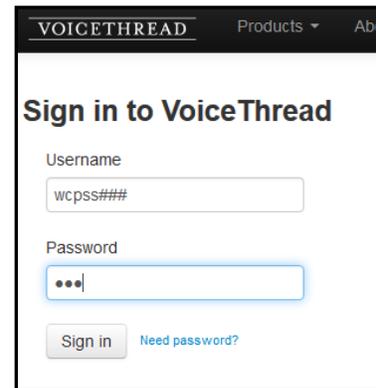
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Password: student ID#

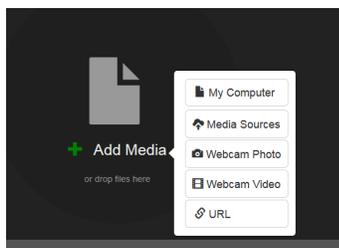
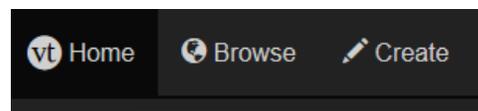
Load the website "wcpss.ed.voicethread.com" and click "Sign In" at the top right.



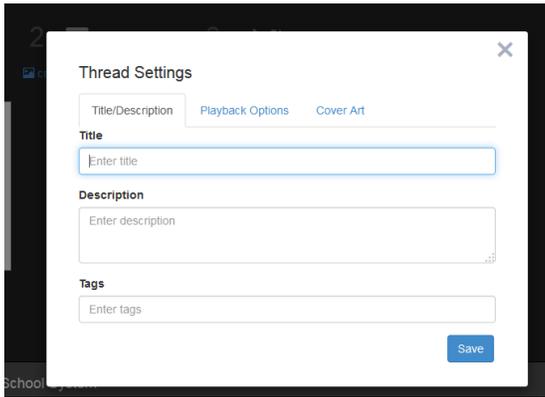
Enter your credentials and click "Sign In."



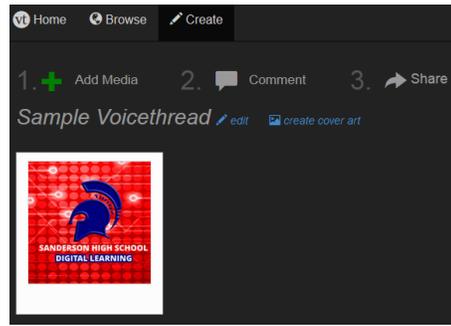
You'll see a menu of previously created VoiceThreads. If it's your first time in, you may not see anything in this spot. So, click "Create" at the top left.



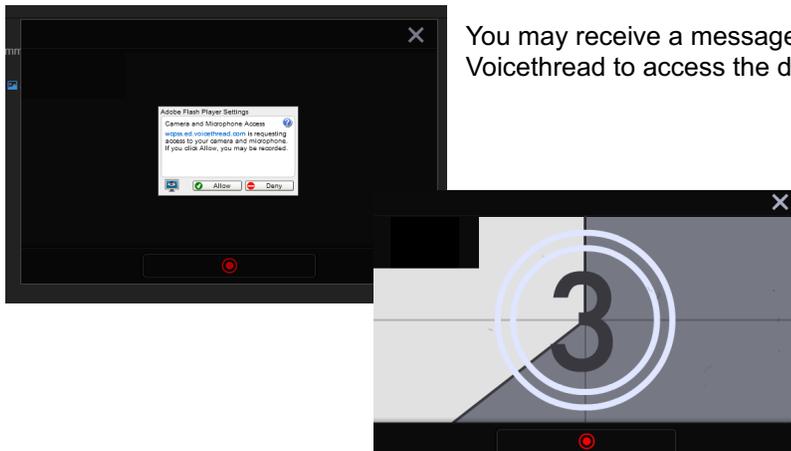
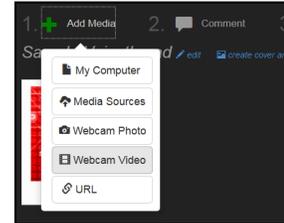
You'll now see "Add Media." Go ahead and click the green "plus" symbol. You'll see you can upload a picture or video from your computer. You can also take a photo using the device's camera - or record a video with the device's camera.



Select a picture from your computer. You'll then be presented with a pop-up window with some settings about this "Thread." Go ahead and give it a name and click "Save."



You can add more media if you wish - just click the green "plus" symbol. That would let you add a second "slide" with a picture or video. Go ahead and let's add more media - click the green "plus" and choose "Webcam Video."



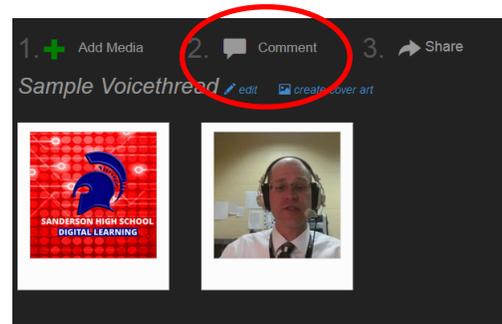
You may receive a message asking you to grant permission for Voicethread to access the device camera. Choose "Allow."

You'll then see a countdown - begin talking when you see yourself fill the screen.

Once you've finished what you have to say, click the red "stop" button below the image.



Stop Recording!

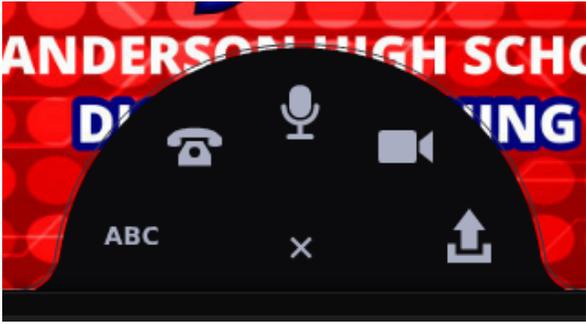


The next step permits you to add your own comments to your "slides." Click "2. Comment" at the top.



You'll now see your first "slide." This "comment view" is what your visitors will see when they load your Voicethread. Click the "+" button below the graphic to add a comment.





From left to right, you can leave comments in different ways.

- ABC - Permits you to type a text comment
- PHONE - permits you to leave a comment from your phone
- MIC - permits you to leave a sound-only comment
- CAMERA - Permits you to record a video comment
- UP ARROW - Permits you to upload a comment (such as previously created audio or video)

Go ahead and choose ABC and leave a text comment.

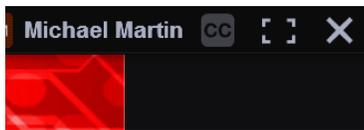
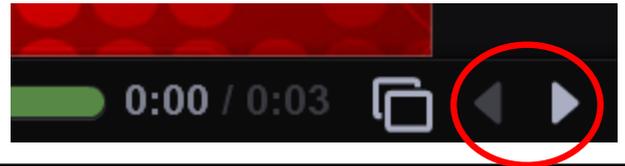


You'll now see a little box on the left. That's your comment! Just mouse-over it to see it!

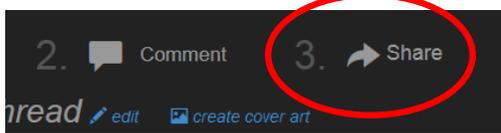
Mouse-over view:



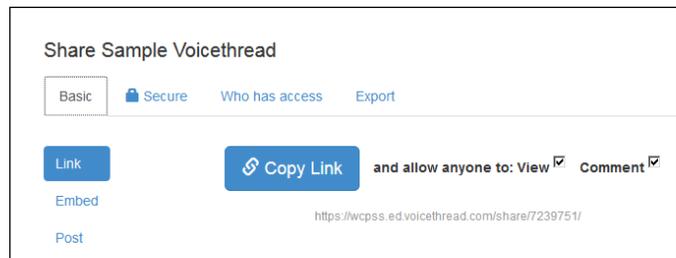
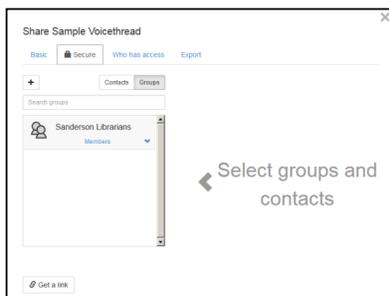
You can advance through your slides using the left/right arrows at the bottom right. Clicking the right arrow would advance the slide to our second one - the video we recorded.



After you're done leaving any initial comments, click the "X" at the top right to exit comment view.

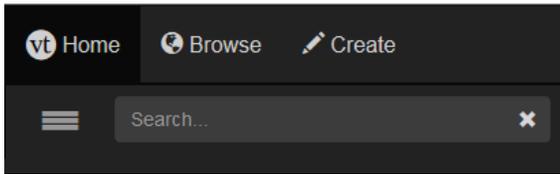


Now click "3. Share" at the top. This will permit you to setup who can access this VoiceThread.



The "Basic" tab will let you get a link you can share, that will permit anyone to comment on your slides. "Secure" may be a better option - but you'll have to enter the email addresses of those you want to share this VoiceThread with.

Remember, if a student records themselves responding and this Voicethread is public, you must have a photo release form on file for the student.



You can browse others' Voicethreads using the "Browse" link at the top of the page. You might find someone else's thread pertinent to your lesson.

Obviously this media-rich tool is great for student collaboration! Instead of having a student make a poster to report out - how about make a Voicethread slideshow instead? Permit other students to access it and respond to the creator. Or - create one yourself and let students respond to carefully selected prompts.

For more information and other ideas on how to utilize Voicethread in the classroom, follow these links...

Voicethread Digital Lesson Library
<https://voicethread.com/about/library/>

Examples of Voicethread in Education
<https://goo.gl/YvpR2r>

More Voicethread Training & Help:
<http://docs.voicethread.com/>