

# 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

To get started, go to <http://voicethread.com>

The screenshot shows the homepage of Voicethread. At the top, there are three navigation buttons: 'Browse', 'Create', and 'MyVoice'. To the right of these is the 'voicethread' logo. Below the navigation, a large green banner features the text 'Capturing voices just got a lot easier. Safe and secure VoiceThread collaboration.' followed by a right-pointing arrow and the text 'Ed.VoiceThread is a secure K-12 network for students and teachers to collaborate and share ideas with classrooms anywhere in the world.' There are also 'Learn more' and 'K-12' buttons. On the right side of the banner, under 'Solutions', are 'Pro', 'Business', 'Higher Ed', and 'K-12'. Below the banner, there are three smaller boxes: one for 'NECC 2008 testimonial', one for 'LPGA FANBOOK', and one for 'The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and voicethread'.

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testimonial

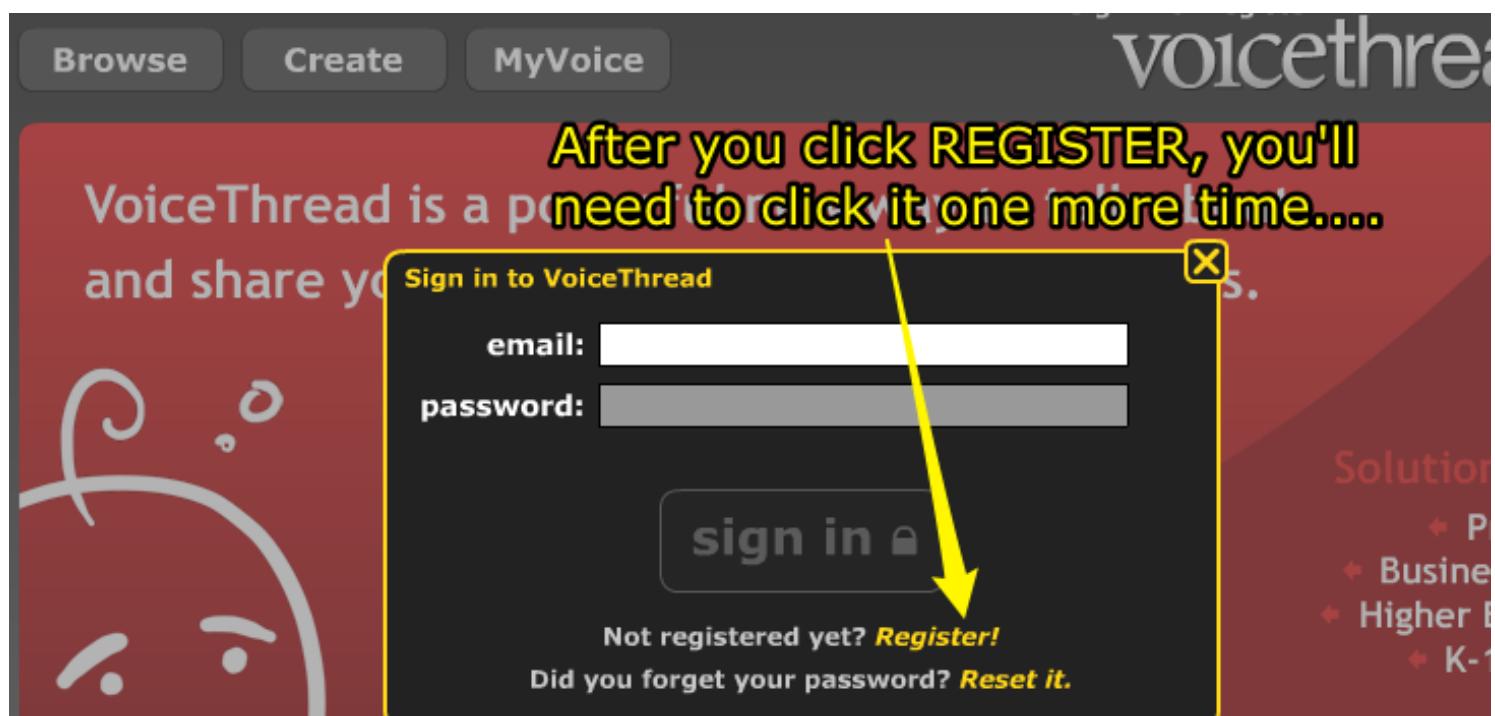
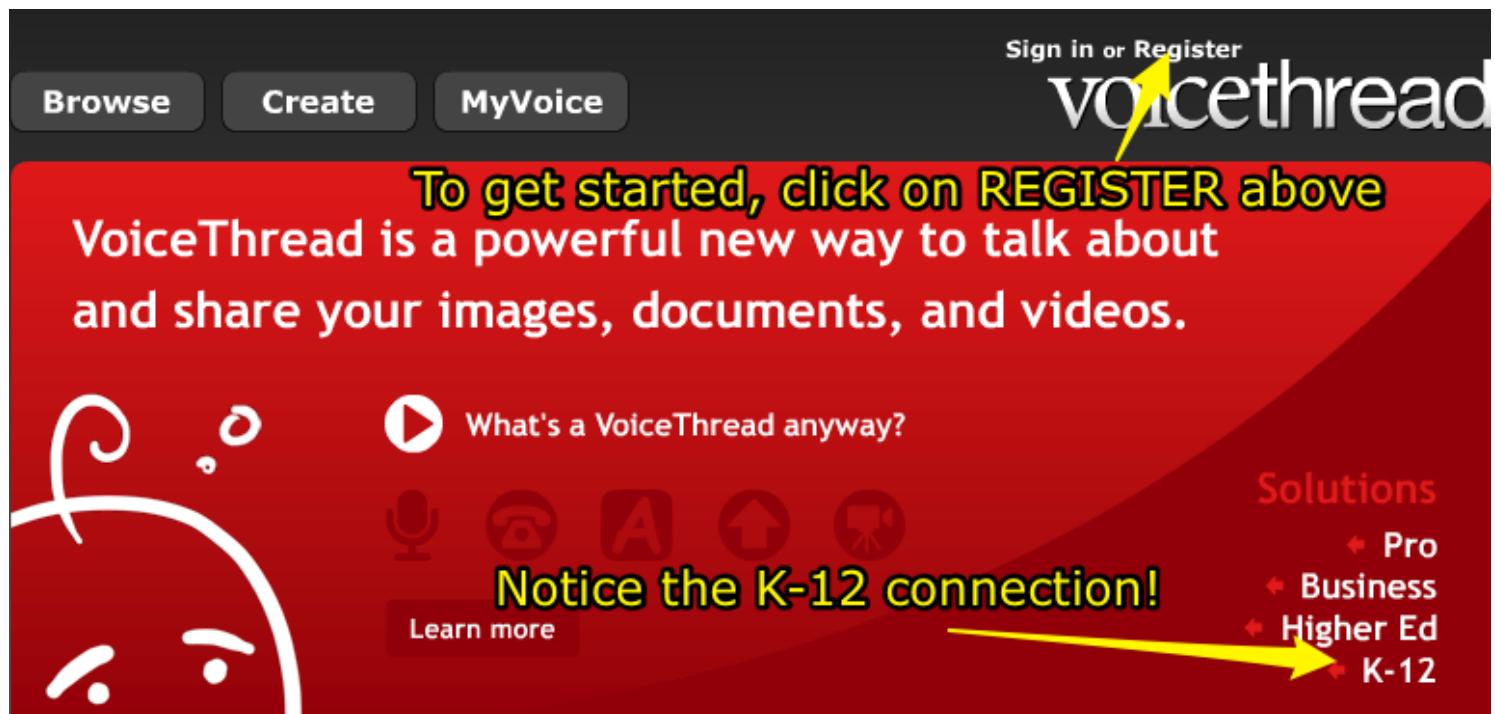


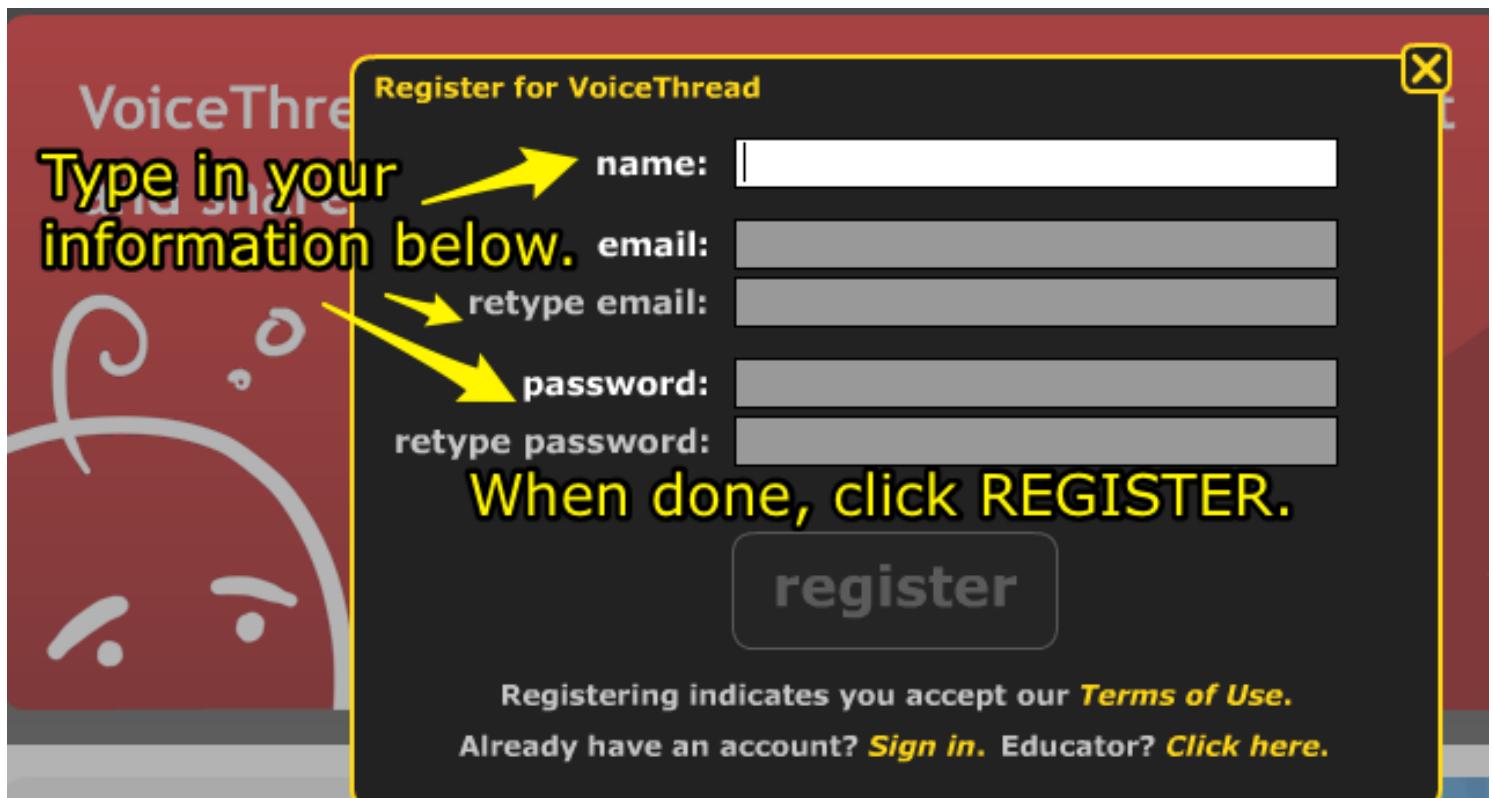
The University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill and  
voicethread

# 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:

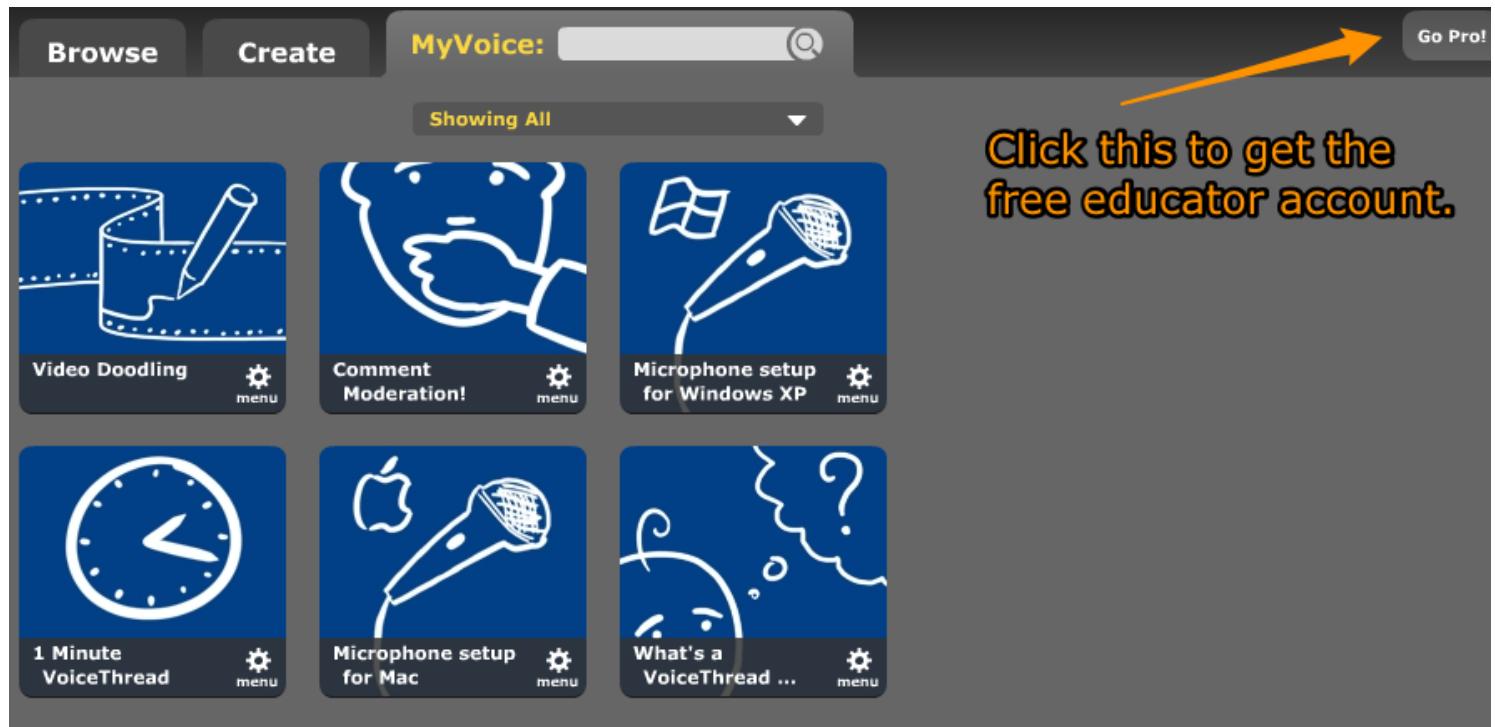




A screenshot of the VoiceThread homepage. The top navigation bar includes "Browse", "Create", "MyVoice:", a search bar, and links for "Go Pro!", "Help", and "voicethread". Below the navigation are six blue icons with white line art: "Video Doodling", "1 Minute VoiceThread", "Comment Moderation", "Microphone setup for Mac", "Microphone setup for Windows XP", and "What's a VoiceThread...". The main content area contains the text "Once your account is created--instantaneously--you'll be ready to get your free EDUCATOR Account." Below this are links for "My Account" and "Sign Out", and a footer with links for "Home", "About", "Pricing", "Press", "Blog", and "Feedback", along with the copyright notice "Copyright © VoiceThread 2007-08".

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.



**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

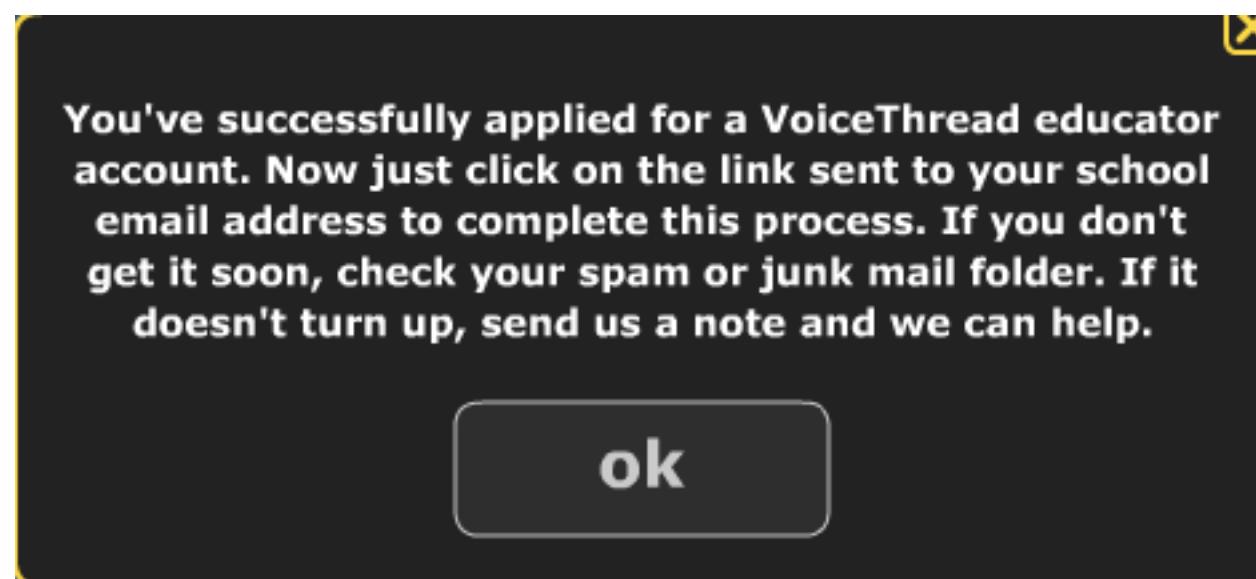
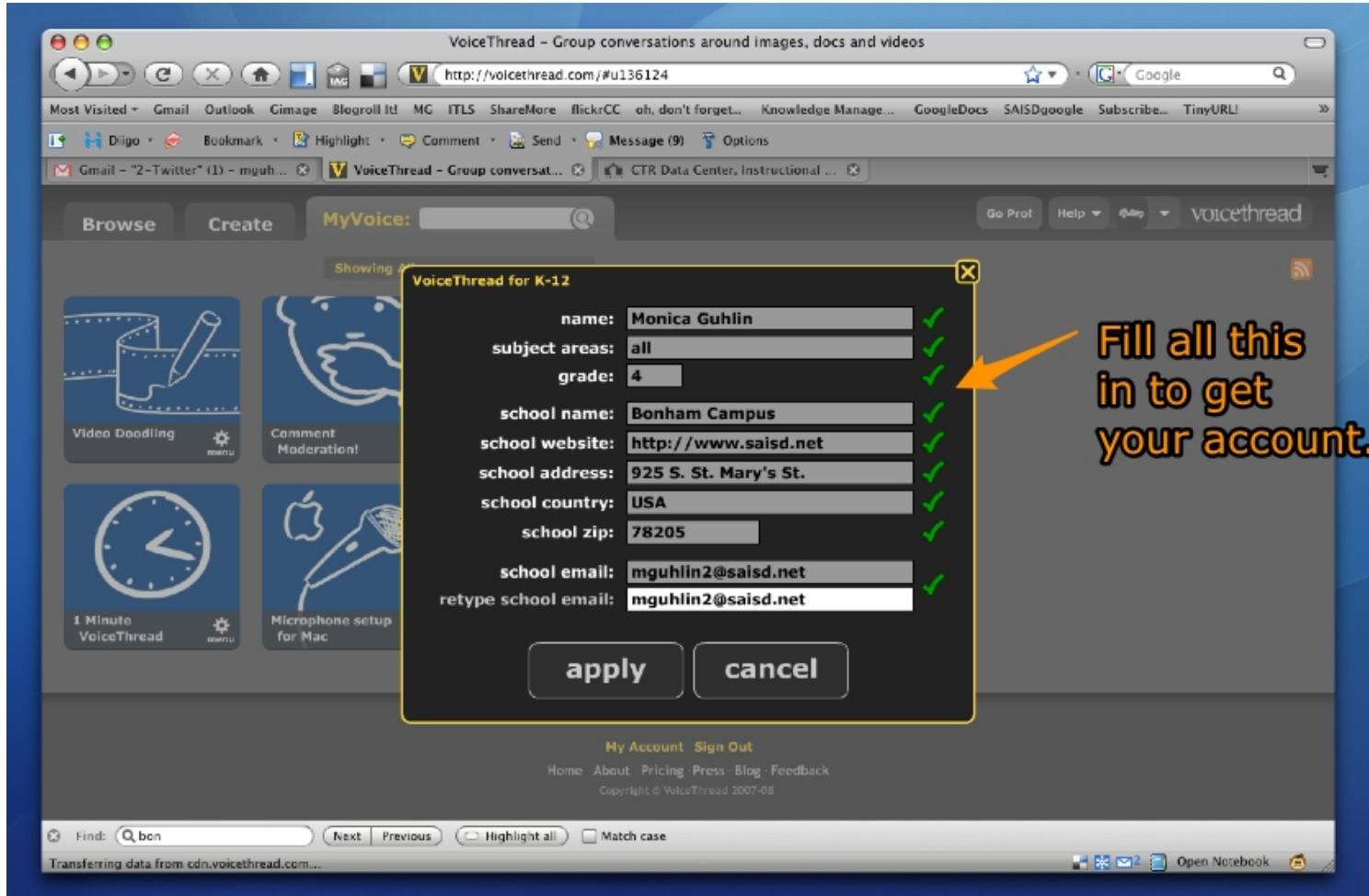
  

Learn more about  
VoiceThread Pro!

**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

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 apply for 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/>



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Hi, Monica Guhlin · [Sign out](#)

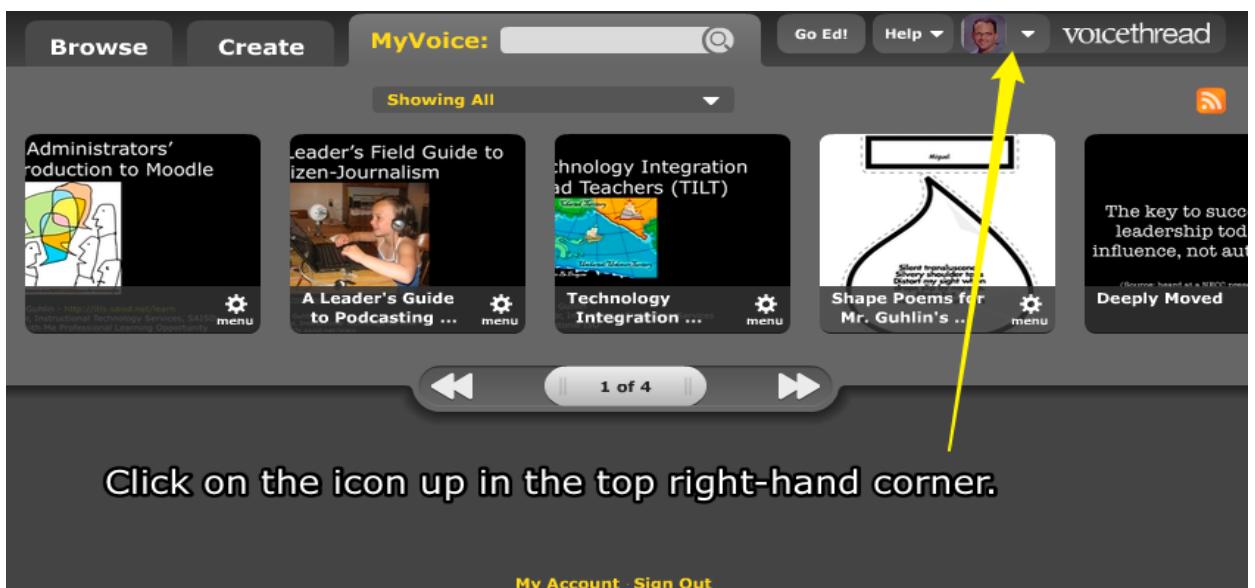
## Success!

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/>.

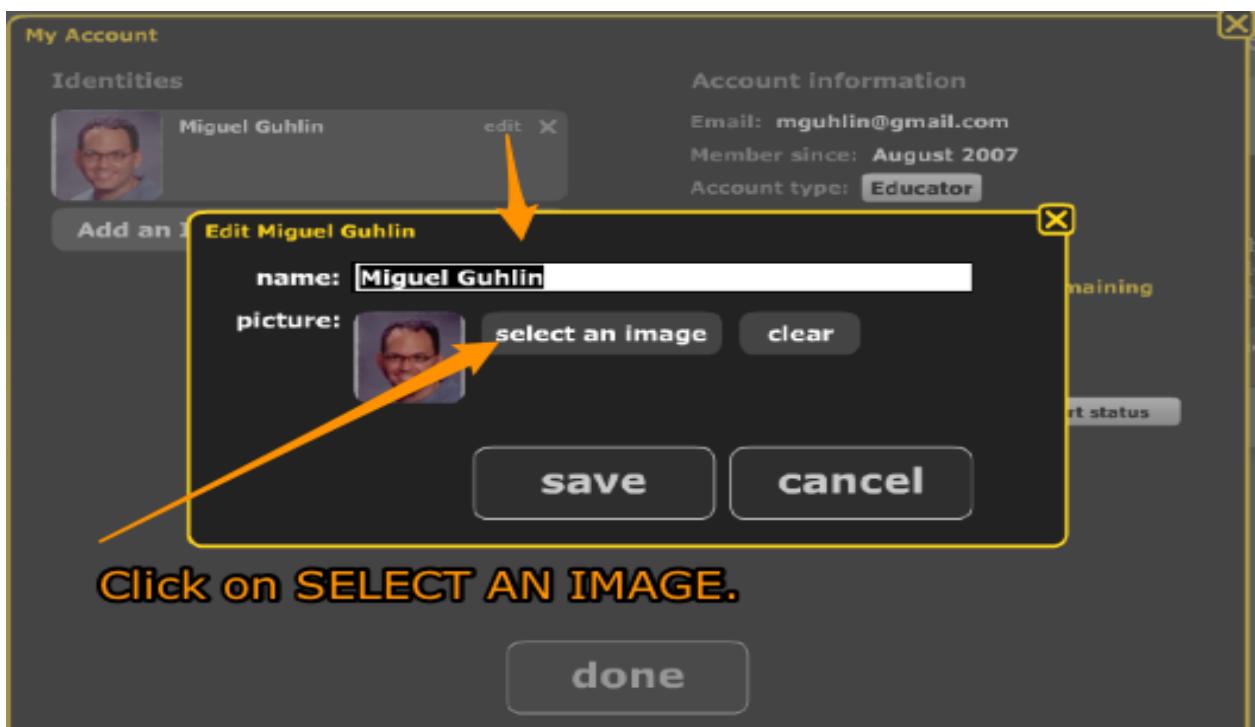
# How to Add Your Picture to VoiceThread.com

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.



Click on the icon up in the top right-hand corner.

[My Account](#) [Sign Out](#)



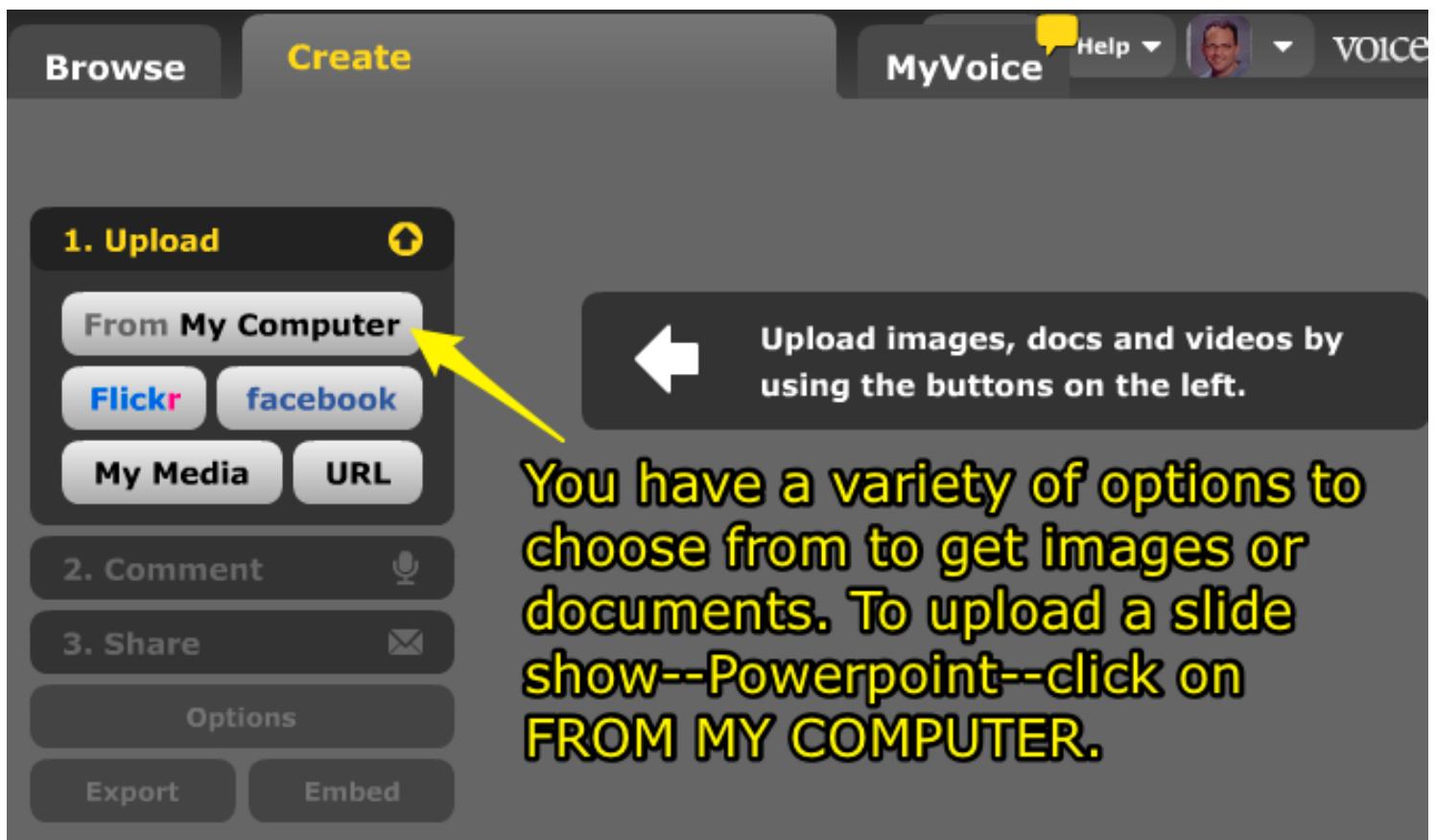
Click on SELECT AN IMAGE.

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**

 **Leader**  **replace** **le to**  **Citizen-Journalism**

  
Hazel Gulin  
Director, Instructional Technology Services  
<http://tinyurl.com/266666>

**(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.**

"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.**

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**Audio and text comments are also possible!**



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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# Vision

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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.**



# Vision

Your comment appears as shown left by your icon or picture. If an audio comment, it will begin playing immediately when someone opens the slide.

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record type ← →

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.

Set Options for this VoiceThread

Wait 4 seconds before turning the page. ✓

Start playing when opened? Yes

Show fullscreen when opened? No

Allow others to download original images and documents? Yes

Hide final share page? No

Allow others to Export? Yes

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.

An Administrators' Introduction to Moodle

Why use Moodle? How do I get started? Where can I learn more?

Why use Moodle?

Where can I learn more?

How Do I Get Started?

http://edublogs.tv

record type

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# How To Share Your VoiceThread with Others

The screenshot shows the 'Create' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below it, a message says "When you click on the 3rd step, SHARE, you can choose to email others." On the left, there's a sidebar with buttons for "Browse", "Create", "(untitled) (no description)", "Add a title and description", and "Delete Thread". The main area has three steps: "1. Upload", "2. Comment", and "3. Share". Step 3 is highlighted with a yellow background. To the right of the steps is a large text box containing the following text:  
Note that SHARING OPTIONS should include making your VoiceThread Public with comments or not.  
Below this text are two user profiles: "Patti Holub" and "Add a Friend".  
On the far right, a "Sharing Options" panel is open, showing the current setting is "Private". It also lists "Public, no comments" and "Public, yes comments".  
At the bottom left, there's a "Vision" section with a quote by Peter Senge:  
"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*

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.

The screenshot shows the 'Share' and 'Embed' buttons highlighted with orange arrows. A callout box with a yellow border contains the following text:

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

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

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

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

**done**

**Embedded VoiceThread on a Web Page**

A Leader's Field Guide to Citizen-Journalism

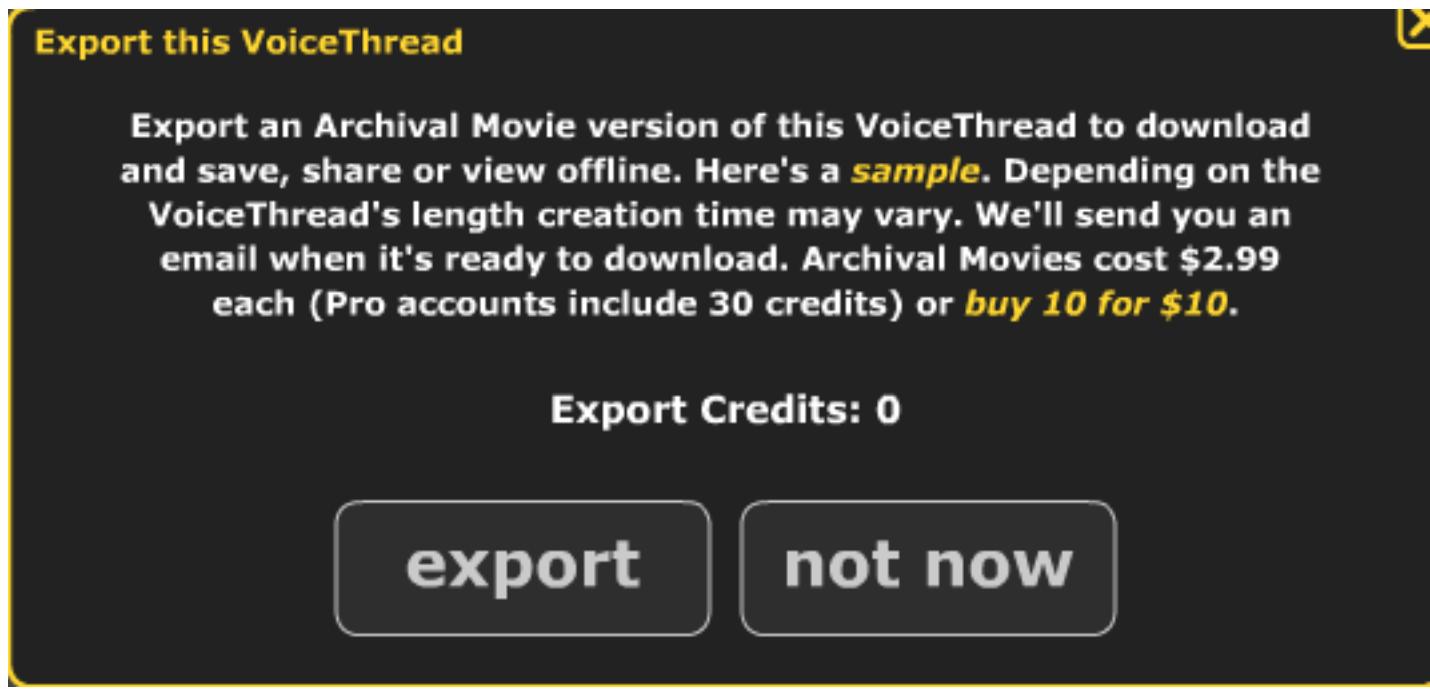
Miguel Gutten  
Director, Instructional Technology Services  
<http://itls.itls.net/www>

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

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.

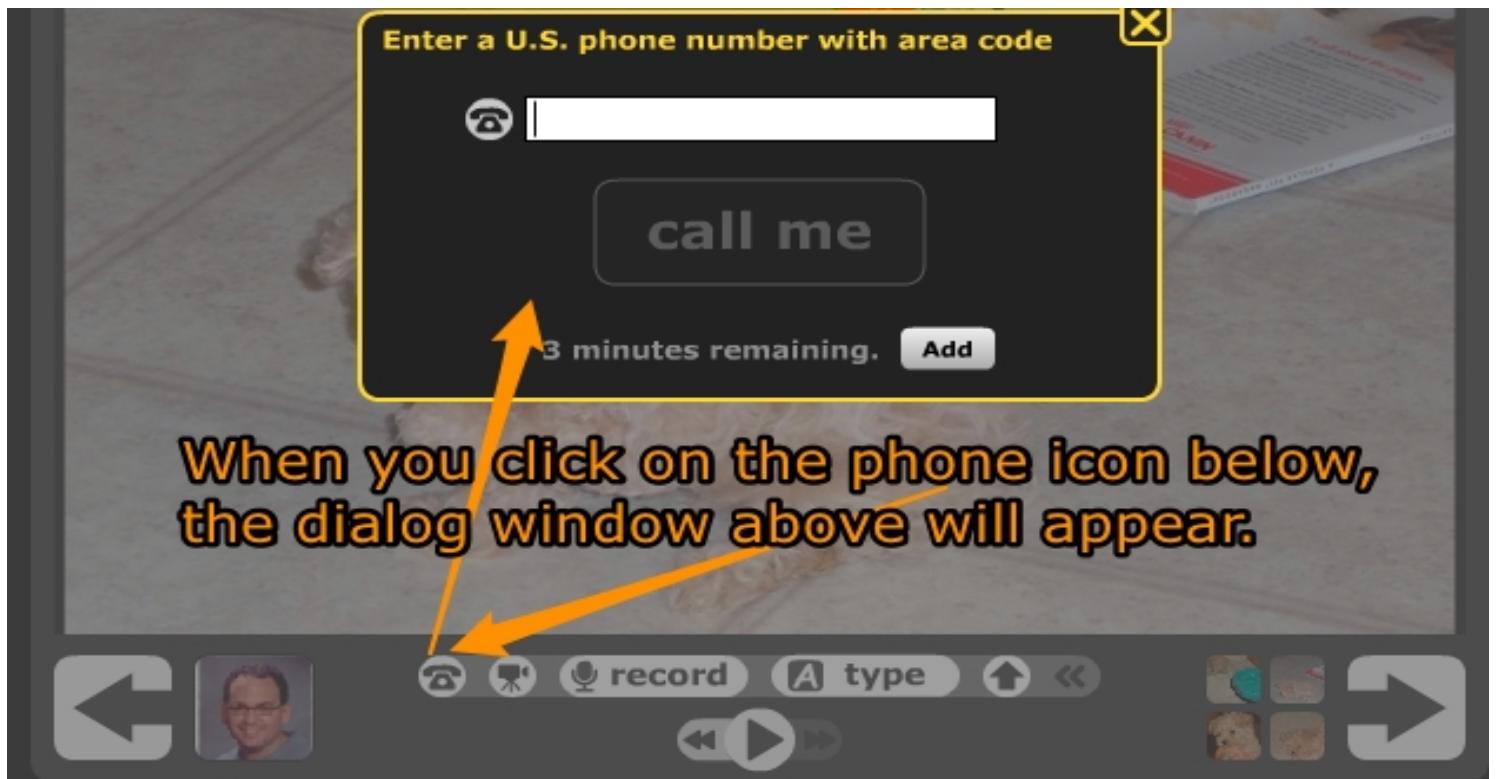


The screenshot shows a dark-themed dialog box titled "Your Shopping Cart". It contains a single item: "Export to a Movie" for "Puppy Love" at a cost of "\$2.99" with a quantity of "1". Below the cart is a descriptive paragraph: "Again, if you're going to be using your VoiceThread for an online slideshow 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...." At the bottom are two buttons: "Total: \$2.99", "buy", and "cancel".

# Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

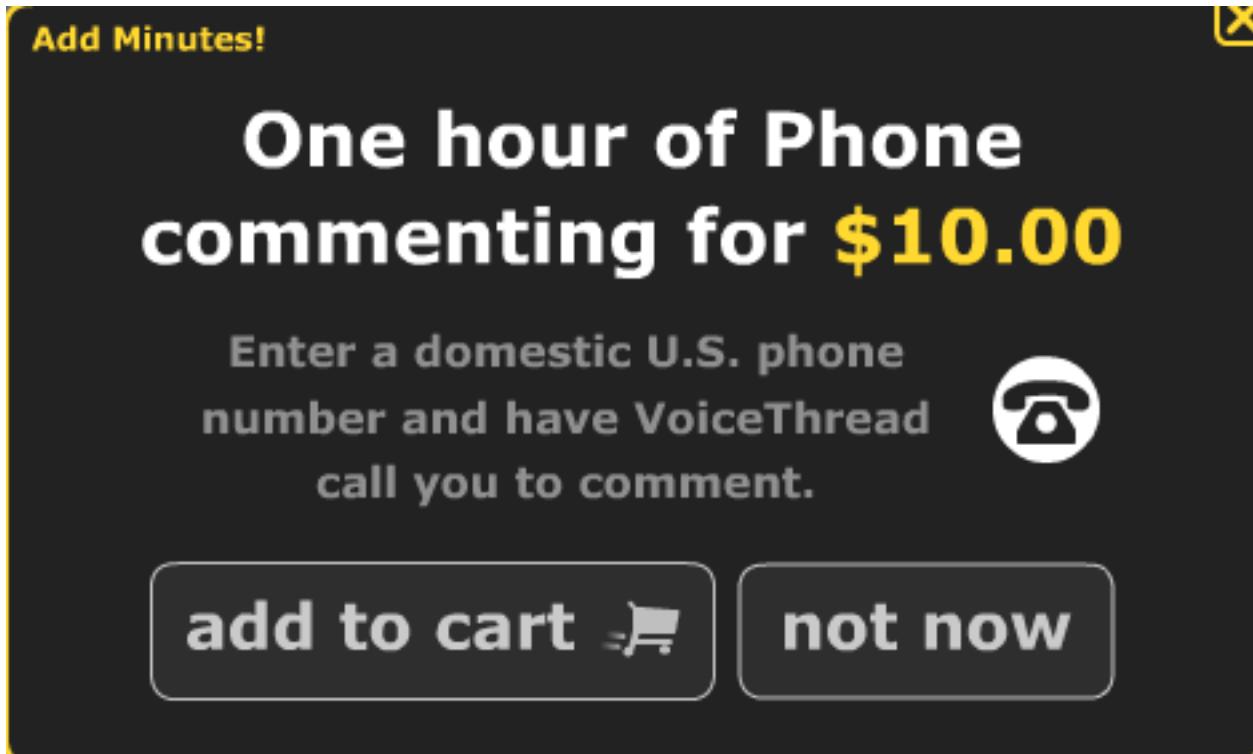
## Using Your Phone (mobile or otherwise)

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.



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.

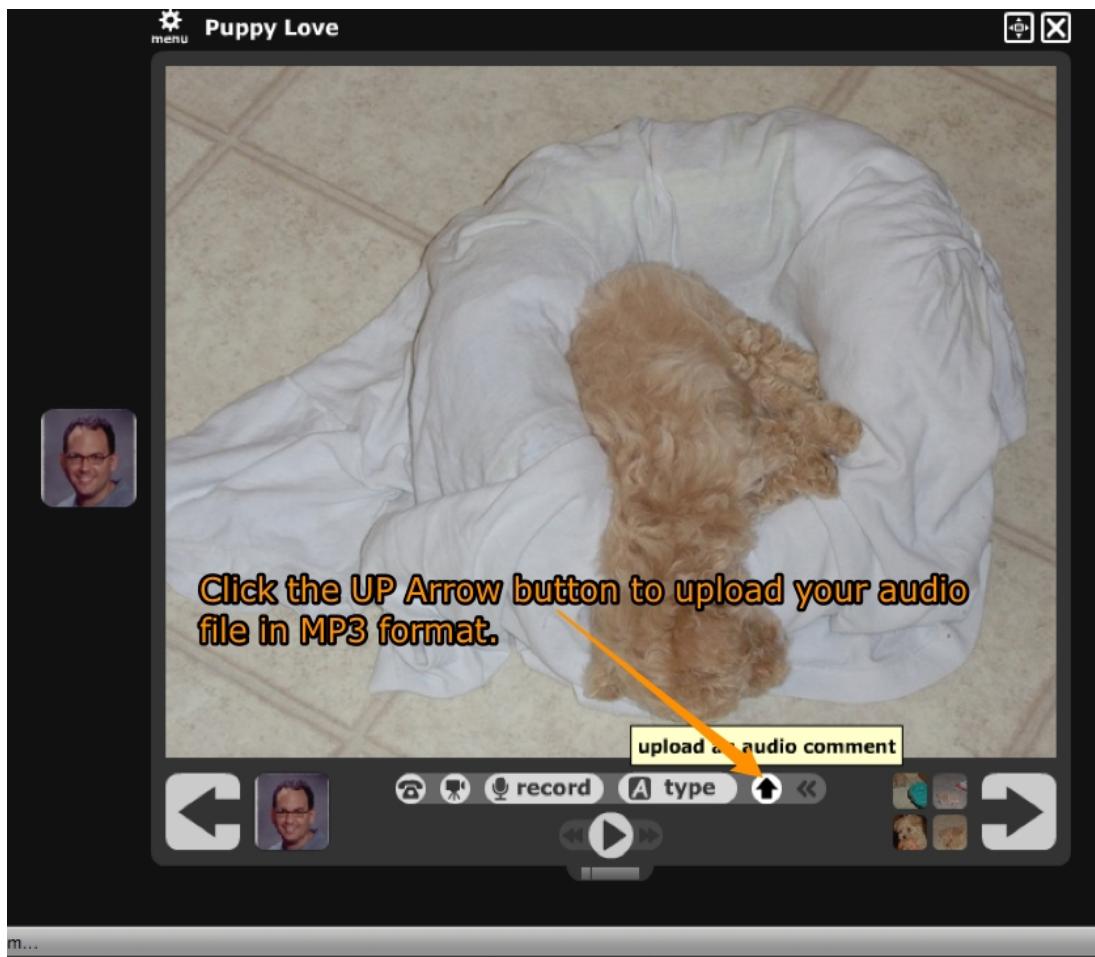


# Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

## *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.



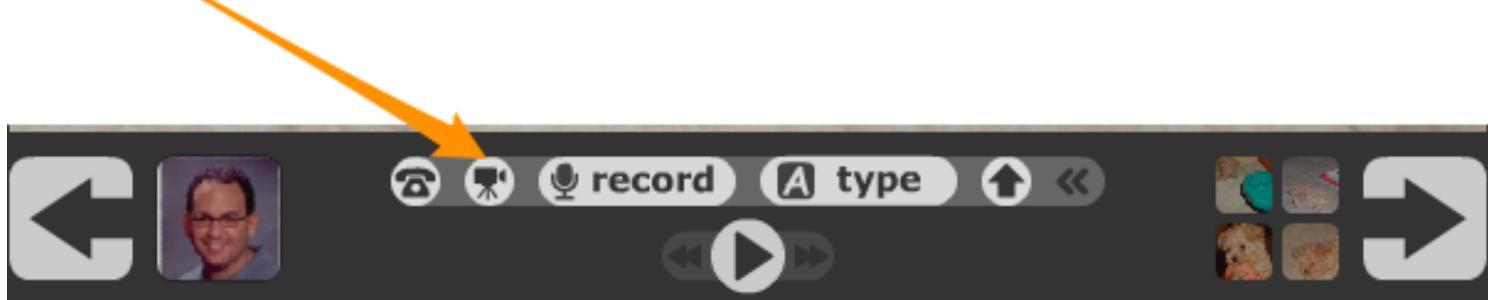
**Here is what an audio upload looks like in progress....**



# Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

## Using Your Video/Web Camera

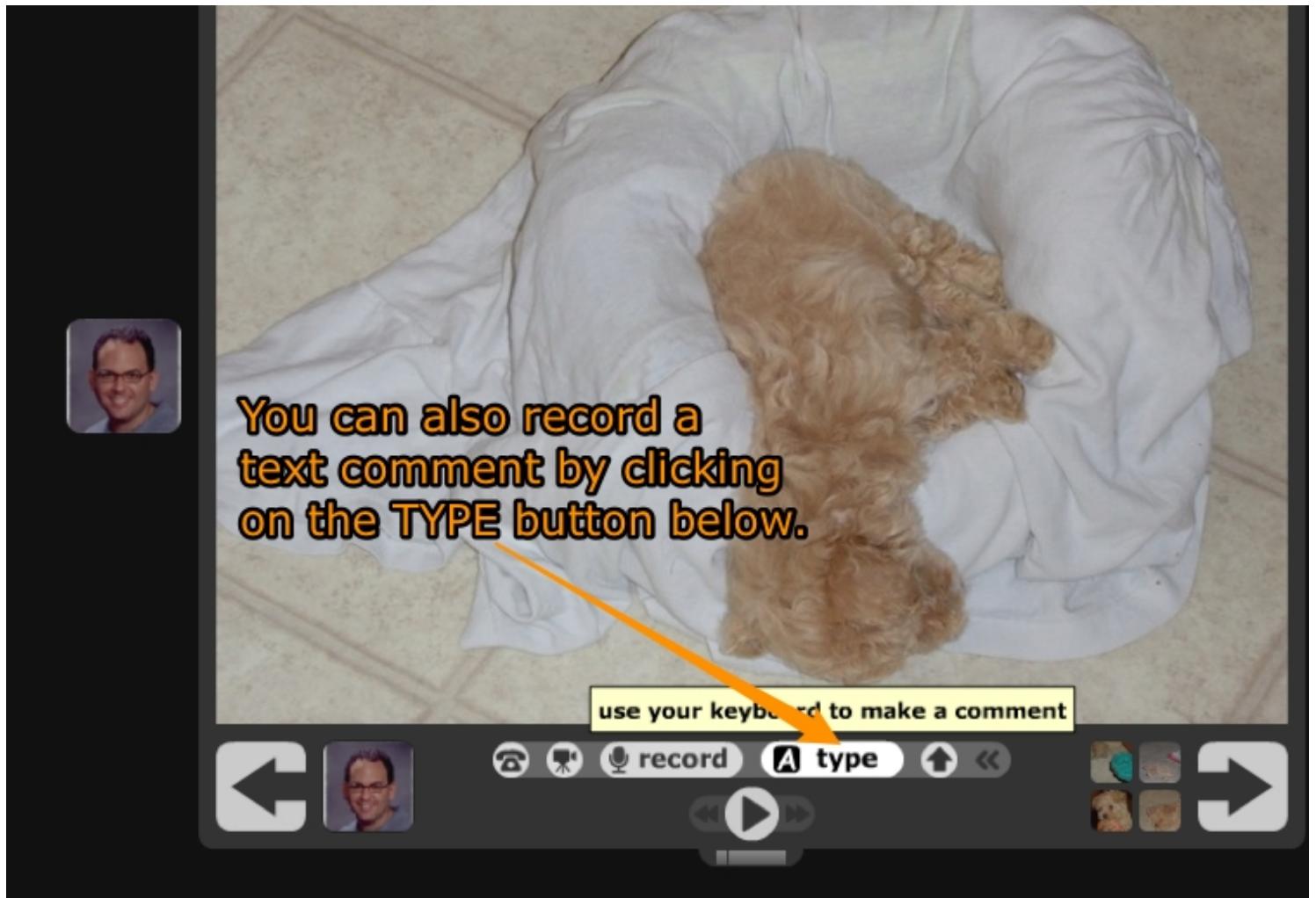
You can also add video comments to your slides provided you have a webcam or video camera attached to your computer.



A screenshot of a VoiceThread slide. On the left, there's a thumbnail of a slide with a large white '1'. An orange arrow points from the text 'When you click on the video camera at the bottom of the page...' to this thumbnail. The main slide shows a small brown dog lying on a light-colored bedsheet. To the left of the dog, text reads: 'When you click on the video camera at the bottom of the page, you'll be asked to ALLOW video recording. If yes, then you will get a 3-second countdown.' Below the dog, another text box says: 'This count-down is reflected on your screen in two places.' An orange arrow points from this text to the 'starting in 1...' text at the bottom of the slide. The bottom of the slide features a toolbar with navigation, communication, and recording controls.

# Adding Comments in VoiceThread:

## *Adding Text Comment*



This is a great ideal There are a number of places online where you can establish safe collaboration with other schools. You might want to consider joining a social network like Twitter or Plurk. Building those relationships will often lead to opportunities for collaboration.

Deeply Moved

Text comment example!

I see my Kinder students collaborating with students from another country via podcasting and blogging.

comment

Deeply Moved

I see my Kinder students collaborating with the fifth graders to create a partnership in their learning endeavors this school year. We have done reading buddies with the fifth grade students for years, but many of them do not take it seriously and therefore, my students do not gain the complete benefit from it.

I was thinking if my students could share the poems that we write and perform via video to internet, sharing our learning experiences via blogging, etc... would provide for meaningful writing experiences on both sides.

Read More Here- <http://mgmulin.net>

My favorite part of all of this (w/ several to consider) is the simple phrase: "I see my Kinder students..."

This is a teaching voice I'd trust with my own young son regardless of how "innovative" the tools being used were. The tools are easy, the heart more challenging. She has the correct side of the equation in spades, I suspect!

Text, audio and video comments co-exist!

# Great Examples of VoiceThread Use in K-12 Environments

voicethread

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ESL / EFL  
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Best Practices

edit navigation

## Welcome to the Voicethread 4 Education wiki

Hello and welcome to the VoiceThread 4 Education wiki. This wiki was started by [Cecille Cassinelli](#) but because of contributors like you, it has become a comprehensive collection of VoiceThread examples from students and teachers of all ages and groups. The purpose of this wiki is to share 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 (with a webcam) - and share them with anyone they wish. A VoiceThread allows group conversations to be collected and shared in one place.

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>**

Math247

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

SNS2-5

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Home > Mathematics Library > By Grade Level > 5th Grade > 5th Grade Number Sense > SNS 2.5

SNS 2.5 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  $\frac{1}{4}$  of it, then he gives away  $\frac{1}{3}$  of what is left. How much pizza does he have left?