

How to Use Voicethread for Discussions

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Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to...

- Describe Voicethread
- Explain features of Voicethread
- Adjust personal account settings
- Setup Voicethread in their course
- Create a Voicethread
- Link to a Voicethread in their Course



How to Use Voicethread for Discussions



WHAT IS VOICETHREAD?





voicethread

Use for...

- Introductions
 - Discussion board
 - Other...
- Multimedia discussion board
 - Start with Powerpoint or Video
 - Supports text, voice, and video
 - Support annotations



See a Voicethread Discussion

- <https://voicethread.com/share/11243944/>

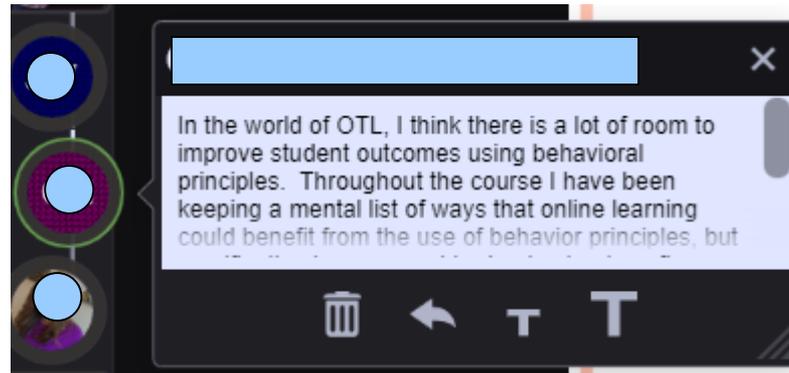


VOICETHREAD FEATURES

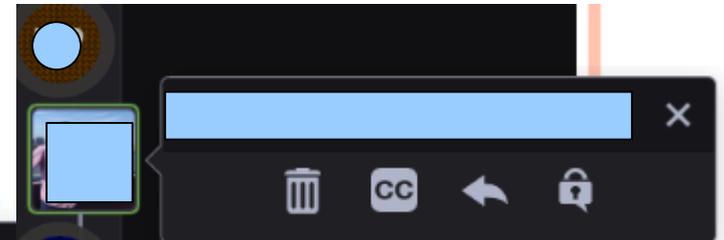


Types of Discussion

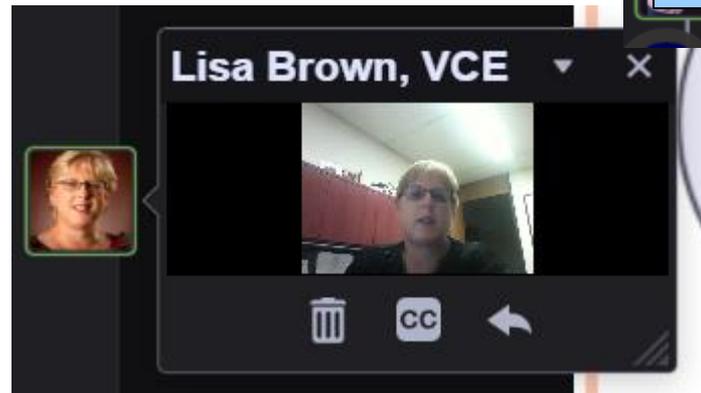
- Text



- Audio



- Video



Threaded Asynchronous Conversation

Main "Post"

Main "Post"

Reply

Main "Post"

Reply

Reply

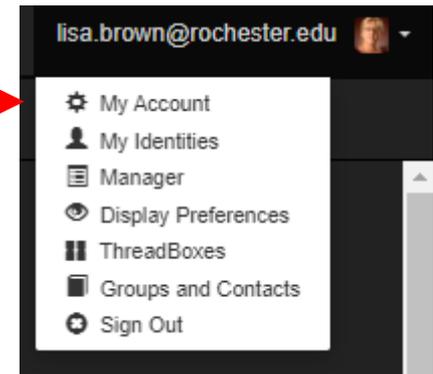
Main "Post"



MY VOICETHREAD ACCOUNT



My Account - Info



Info	Shopping Cart	Purchases	Exports	Notifications
Name	MELISA TANGER-BROWN	EDIT		
Email	lisa.brown@rochester.edu	EDIT		
Member Type	Pro			
Member Since	January 5, 2016 3:11 PM			
Member Number	5500410			



My Account - Notifications

Info Shopping Cart Purchases Exports **Notifications**

Instant Notification Preferences

Created
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread you created.
 On

Subscribed
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread you're subscribed to.
 On

Commented
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread you commented on.
 On

Edited
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread that you are an editor of.
 On

Shared
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread that's shared with you.
 Off

Daily Notification Preferences

Daily Digest
Receive a daily summary of all comments made on VoiceThreads you own, that were shared with you, or to which you have subscribed
 On

Created
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread you created.
 On

Subscribed
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread you're subscribed to.
 On

Commented
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread you commented on.
 On

Edited
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread that you are an editor of.
 On

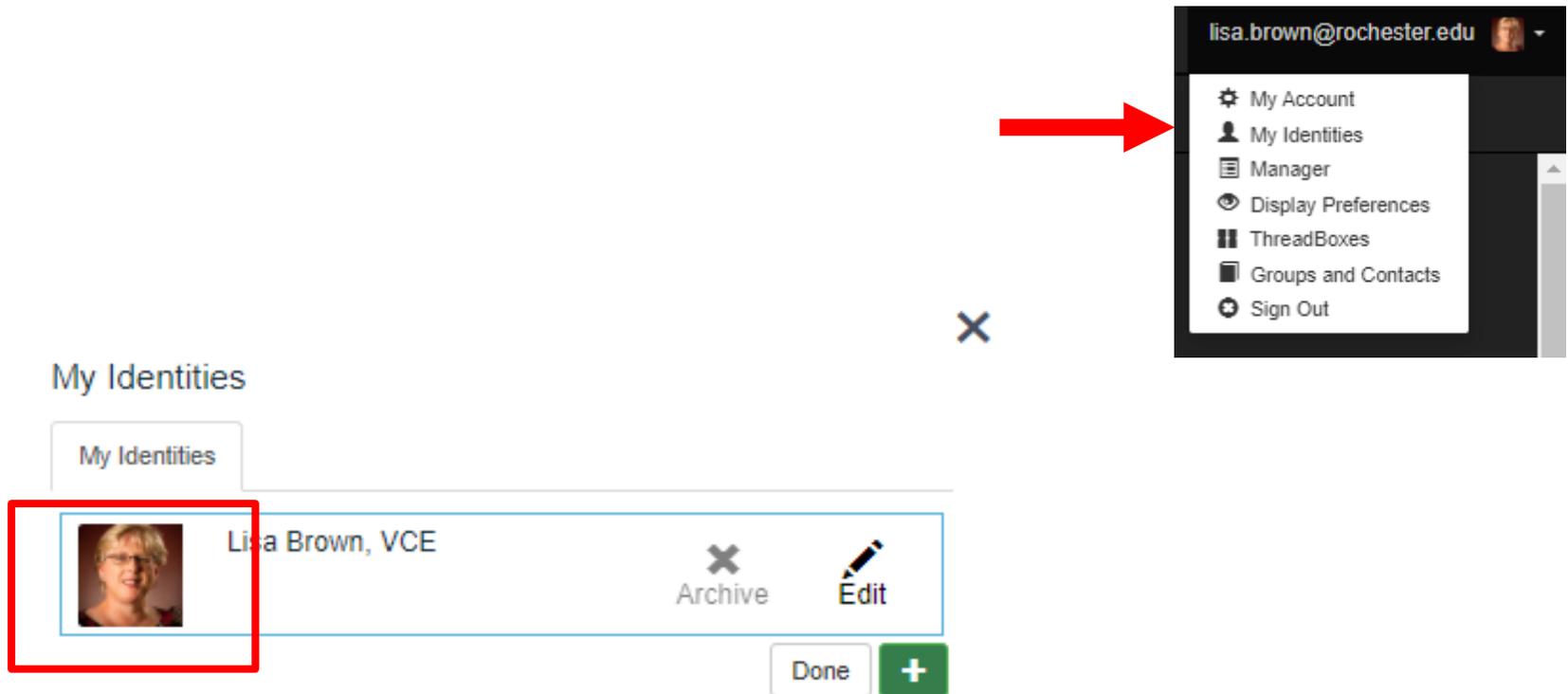
Shared
Receive notification when someone comments on a VoiceThread that's shared with you.
 On

lisa.brown@rochester.edu

- My Account
- My Identities
- Manager
- Display Preferences
- ThreadBoxes
- Groups and Contacts
- Sign Out



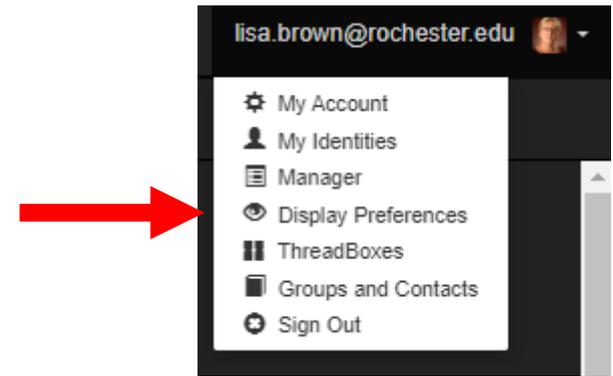
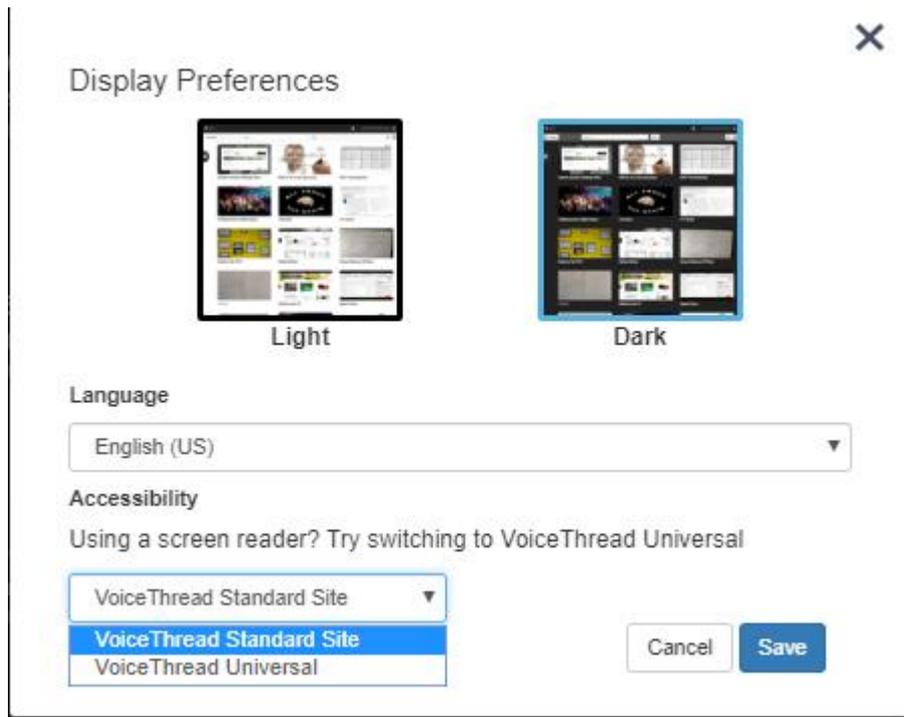
My Identities



The screenshot displays the 'My Identities' interface. At the top, the title 'My Identities' is shown. Below it, a tab labeled 'My Identities' is active. A list of identities is shown, with the first entry, 'Lisa Brown, VCE', highlighted by a red box. This entry includes a profile picture, the name 'Lisa Brown, VCE', and two action buttons: 'Archive' (with an 'x' icon) and 'Edit' (with a pencil icon). At the bottom of the list are 'Done' and a green '+' button. To the right, a dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'My Account', 'My Identities', 'Manager', 'Display Preferences', 'ThreadBoxes', 'Groups and Contacts', and 'Sign Out'. A red arrow points from the 'My Identities' option in the dropdown menu to the 'My Identities' title in the main interface. A blue 'x' icon is also visible in the background.



Display Preferences



SETTING UP VOICETHREAD IN YOUR COURSE



Add Voicethread Tool

Course Management

- Control Panel
- Content Collection
- Course Tools
- Evaluation
- Grade Center
- Users and Groups
- Customization**
 - Guest and Observer Access Properties
 - Quick Setup Guide
 - Teaching Style
 - Tool Availability**

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zEchoBBx	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
zEchoBBx	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zoom Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Click **Submit** to finish. Click **Cancel** to quit.

Cancel Submit



Add Tool to Content Area

The image shows a web interface with a navigation menu on the left and a 'Create VoiceThread' form on the right.

Navigation Menu:

- Assessments ▾
- Tools ▾**
 - Discussion Board
 - Blogs
 - Journals
 - Wikis
 - Groups
 - Tools Area
 - Authenticated User Link
 - Panopto Video Link
 - piazza
 - Achievements
 - VoiceThread**
 - GoReact
 - Echo360
 - More Tools >
- Partner Content ▾

Create VoiceThread Form:

* Indicates a required field.

INFORMATION

* Name

Color of Name Black

Description
For the toolbar, press ALT+F10 (PC) or ALT+FN+F10 (Mac).

Toolbar: Includes icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough), paragraph styles, font face (Arial), font size (3 (12pt)), list creation, indentation, link, unlink, insert link, insert video, insert audio, insert image, insert table, insert grid, insert table of contents, insert RSS, HTML, and CSS.

Sample instructions

Path: p Words:2



Voicethread Options

ATTACHMENTS

Select **Do Not Attach** to remove a selected file.

Attach File

Browse My Computer

Browse Content Collection

GRADING

Enable Evaluation

Yes No



To set additional evaluation options, use the Column settings in the Grade Center

* Points Possible

Visible to Students

Yes No

Due Date

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Creates a Grade Center column



Availability

OPTIONS

Permit Users to View this Content Yes No

Track Number of Views Yes No

Select Date and Time Restrictions Display After  
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Display Until  
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

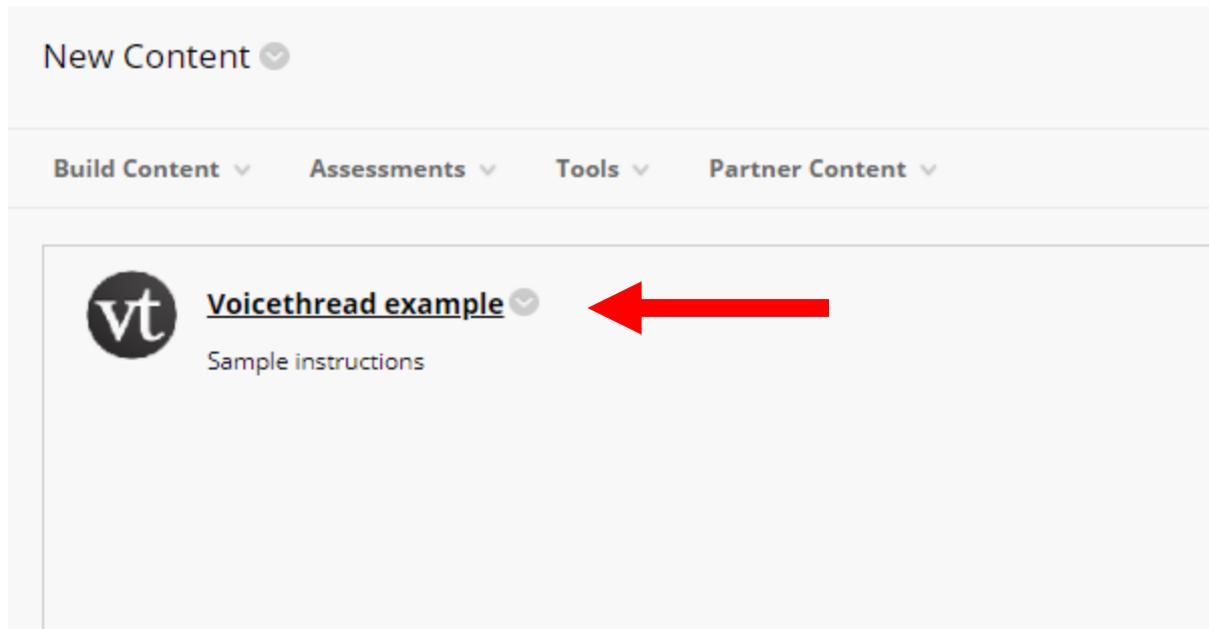
Click **Submit** to proceed.

Cancel

Submit



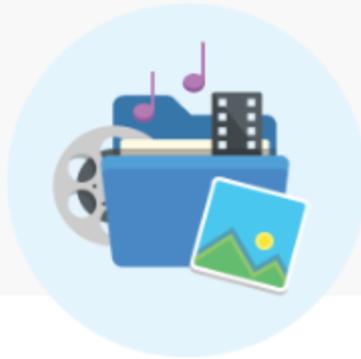
Click this Link



Every VT link must be initialized to indicate what function it will have.



Click Launch



ATTENTION!

The LTI launch will open a new tool.

Please click the Launch button to start VoiceThread.

Launch



What do we want THIS link to do?

VoiceThread Setup

 Course View ⓘ

 Home ⓘ

 Individual VT ⓘ

Assignment Builder ⓘ



Home button

VoiceThread Setup

Takes user to THEIR Home page
Not recommended

Individual VT ⓘ

vt Home ⓘ

Assignment Builder ⓘ



Course View Button

VoiceThread Setup

A blue rectangular button with a white person icon on the left, the text "Course View" in the center, and a white information icon on the right. The button is highlighted with a red border.

 Course View 

A blue rectangular button with a white link icon on the left, the text "Individual VT" in the center, and a white information icon on the right.

 Individual VT 

Takes user to THIS Course page
Not recommended EXCEPT
you may want a link available
ONLY to YOU for this!
Hide from students.



Individual VT Button

VoiceThread Setup

 Course View ⓘ

 Individual VT ⓘ

Takes user to the Voicethread you will choose.
Recommended!



Assignment Builder Button

VoiceThread Setup

 Course View 

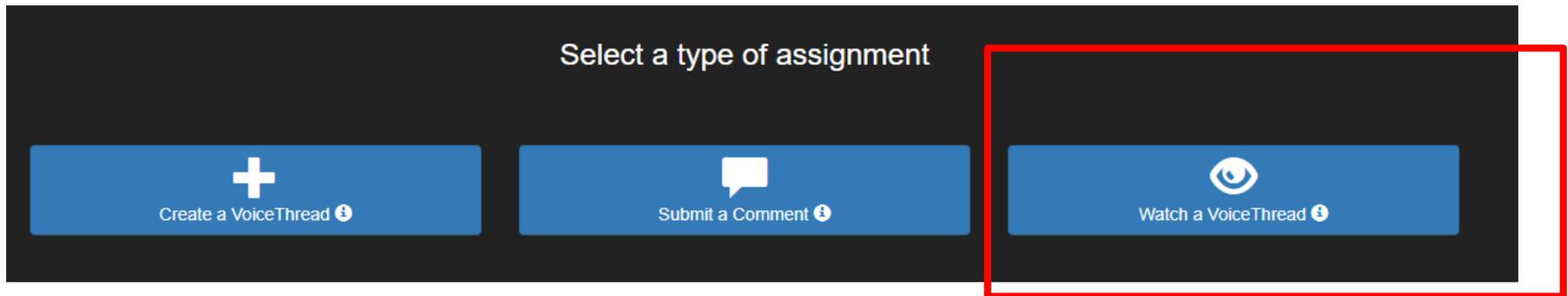
Only appears if you Enable Evaluation but you don't have to use it in order to Grade.
Checks for submission of criteria

 Home 

Assignment Builder 



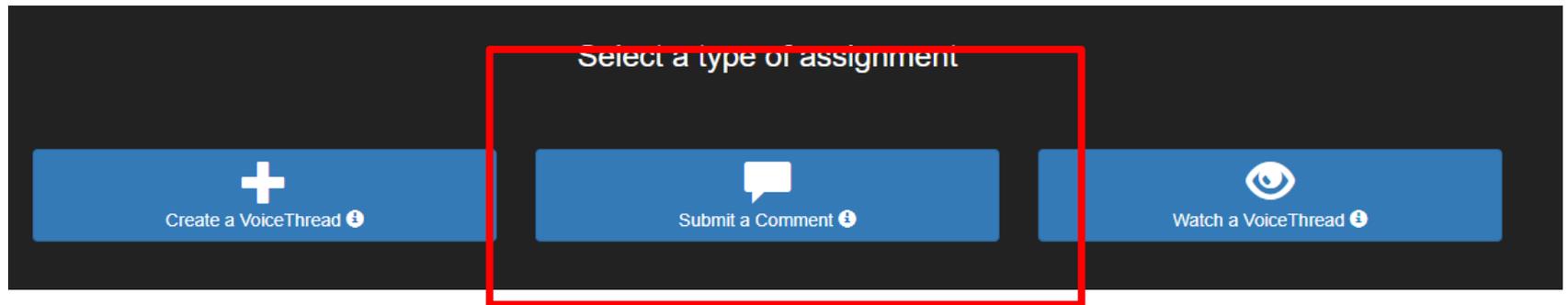
Watch a Voicethread Assignment



Students get points for
WATCHING a Voicethread
No discussion!



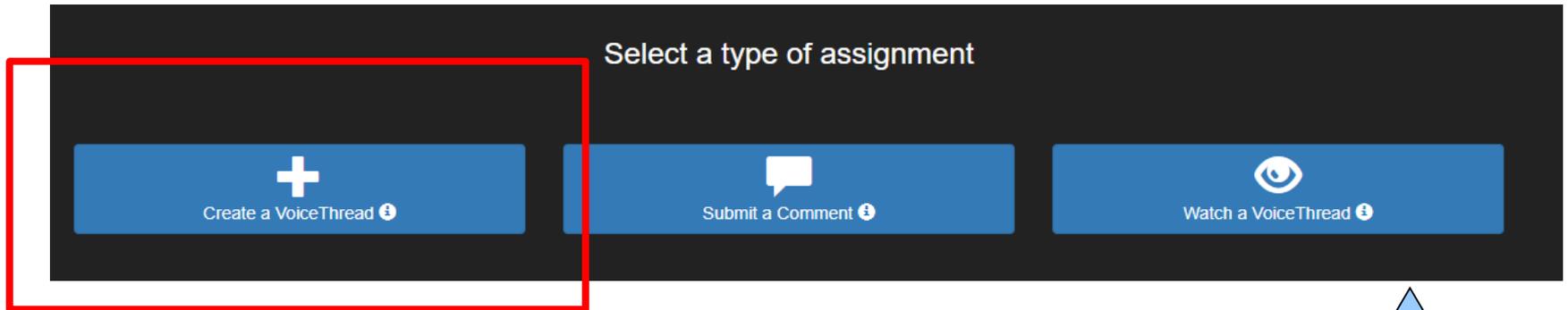
Comment on a Voicethread Assignment



Students get credit for
COMMENTING on a Voicethread



Build a Voicethread Assignment



Students create and submit their own a Voicethread



Select or Create a Voicethread

For Individual VT, Watch VT, Comment on VT

Back

Select VoiceThread

+ Create new VoiceThread

Search VoiceThreads... Search

refresh list

- Community of Inquiry (EDE472_Su2020C)
- Copy of sample 1 - require 3
- Copy of sample 1 - require 5
- The Missing Student - Case Study (484Su20)
- Quiz - Community of Inquiry (484Su20)

← Select VoiceThread for Voicethread example

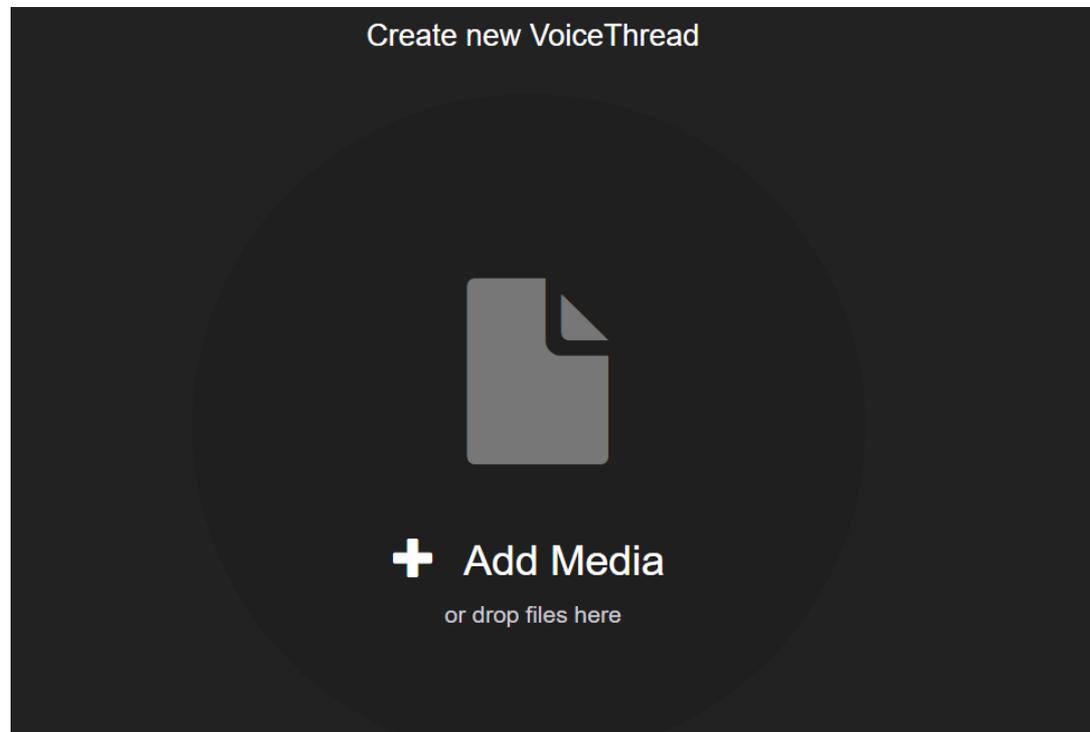
?



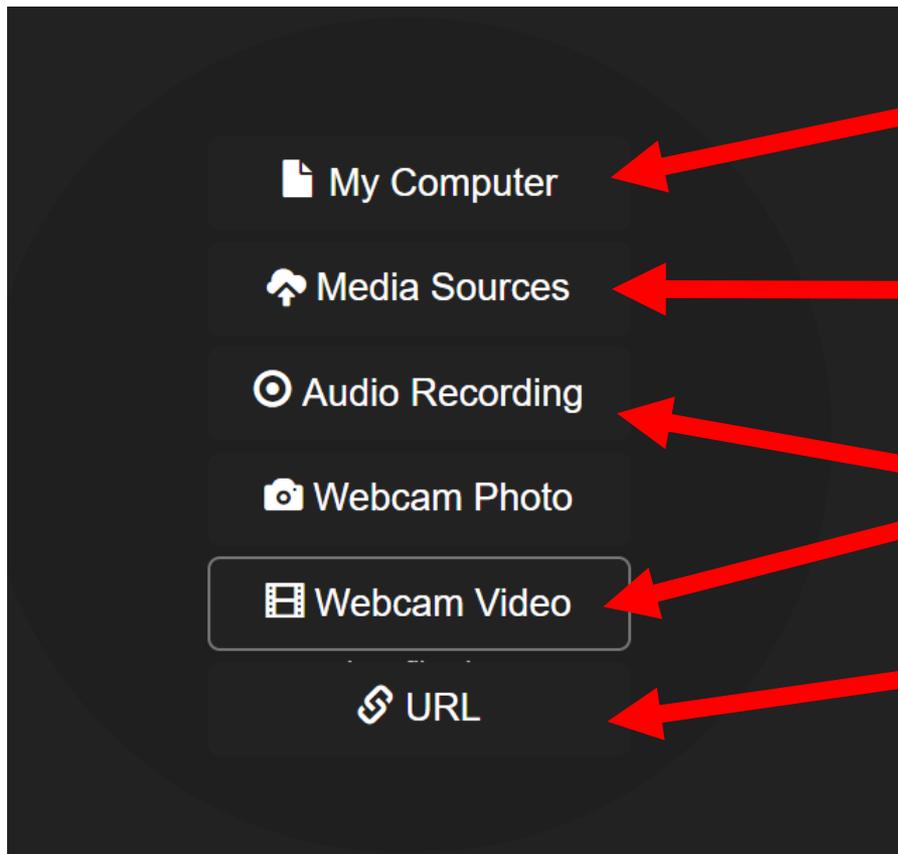
CREATE A VOICETHREAD



Step 1 – Add Media



Media Sources



Files from your
computer

Sources

Audio, Video,
Photo

File from Web
Includes
YouTube videos



File Types

- Image Files
 - JPEG, GIF, PNG, BMP

Recommended size: 1280x960
- Presentation files
 - PPT, Open Office, PDF

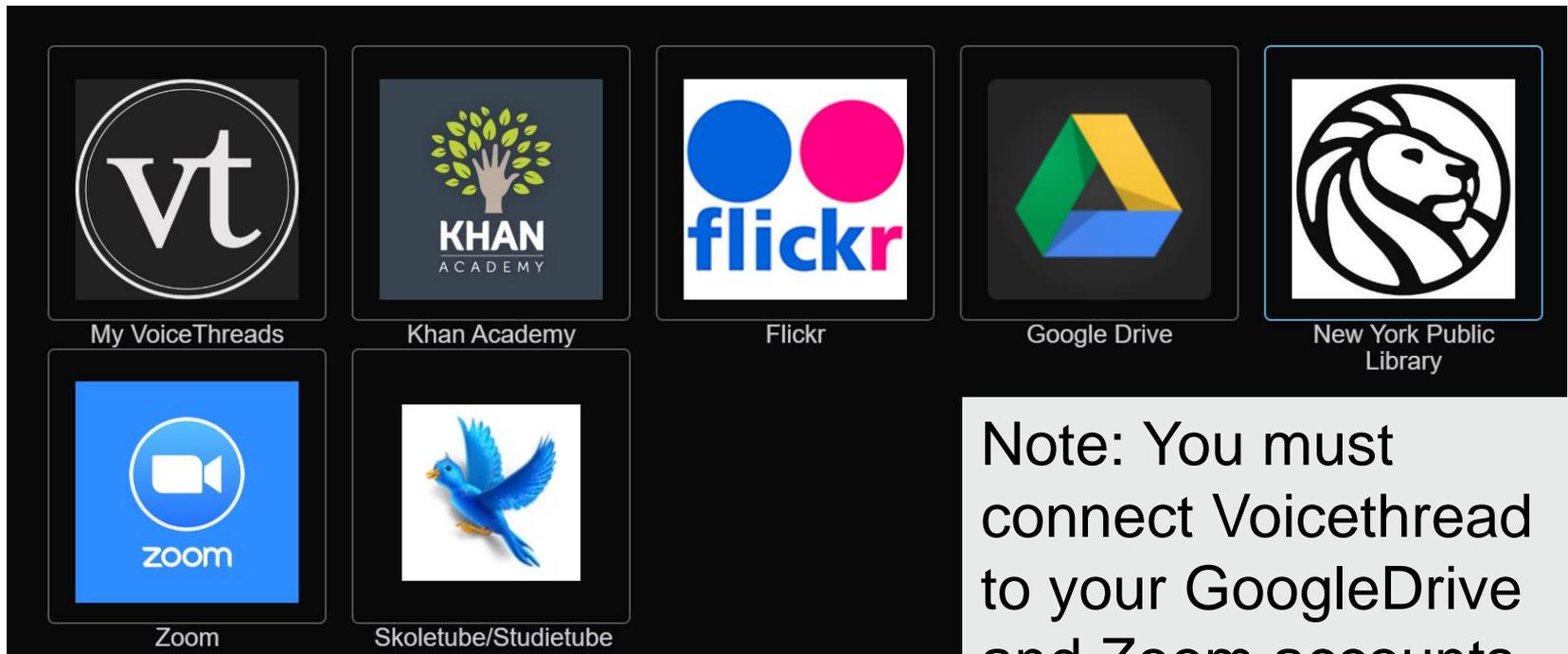
Note: Animations, Transitions are not supported
- Documents
 - PDF, Word, Excel, Open Office

Note: Landscape mode works best
- Audio
 - MP3 or WAV
- Video
 - Recommended: H.264 codec, 600x450 pixels

Uploaded Files must be less than 100Mb in size



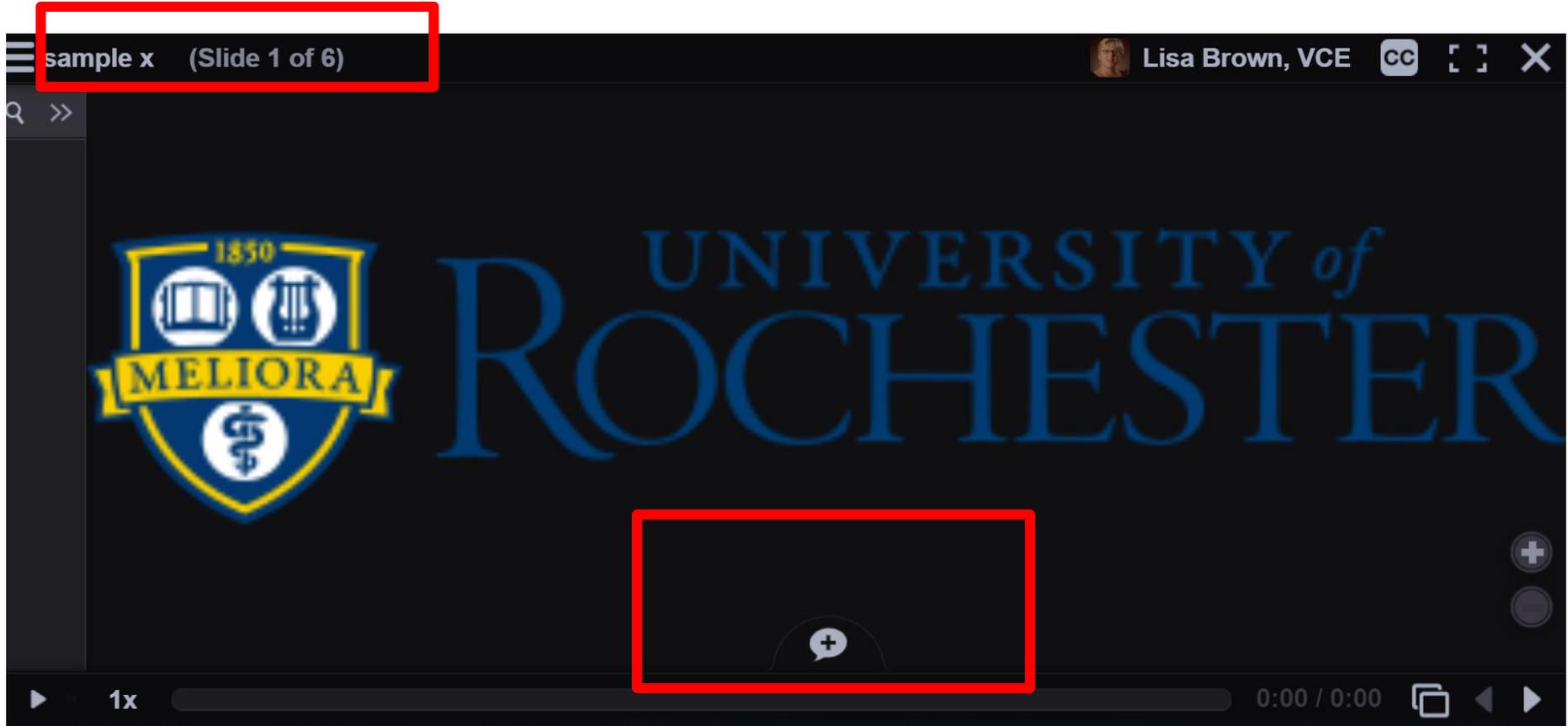
Media Sources



Note: You must connect Voicethread to your GoogleDrive and Zoom accounts to use these features



Step 2 - Comment



Types of Comments

The image shows a video player interface with a dark background. At the top, it displays 'sample x (Slide 1 of 6)' on the left and 'Lisa Brown, VCE' with a profile picture, a Creative Commons license icon, and window control icons on the right. The main content area features a large, semi-transparent watermark of the University of Rochester crest and the text 'UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER'. A semi-transparent dark overlay is positioned in the center, containing five white rectangular boxes with the following text: 'Text', 'Phone', 'Audio', 'Video', and 'Upload'. Below these boxes is a semi-circular menu with five icons: a keyboard icon labeled 'ABC', a telephone handset icon, a microphone icon, a video camera icon, and an upload arrow icon. Red arrows point from each of the five text boxes to its corresponding icon in the menu. At the bottom of the video player, there is a playback progress bar with a play button, a '1x' speed indicator, a volume icon, a '0:00 / 0:00' time display, and a full-screen icon.

Options for adding Comments

Text Phone Audio Video Upload



Advance to Next Slide

sample x (Slide 1 of 6) Lisa Brown, VCE CC



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER

1x 0:00 / 0:00

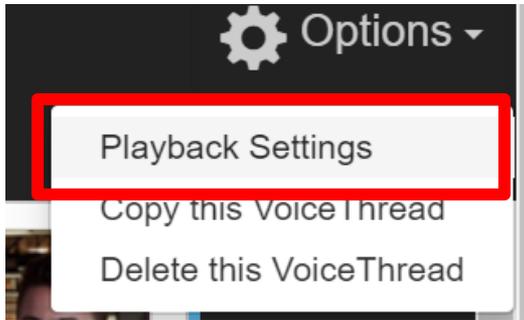
The image shows a presentation slide with a dark background. On the left is the University of Rochester crest, which is a shield with a yellow border. Inside the shield, there are two circular icons: one with a book and one with a lyre. Below these is a yellow banner with the word 'MELIORA' in blue. At the bottom of the shield is a caduceus. Above the shield is the year '1850'. To the right of the crest, the words 'UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER' are written in a large, blue, serif font. The slide is part of a presentation titled 'sample x' and is 'Slide 1 of 6'. The presenter is 'Lisa Brown, VCE'. The slide is displayed in a video player interface with a dark theme. The player shows a play button, a progress bar, and a volume icon. The time is '0:00 / 0:00'. A red box highlights the bottom right corner of the player, containing the play button, a copy icon, and a close icon.



Close when Finished



Options – Playback Settings



Thread Settings

Title/Description

Playback Options

Cover Art

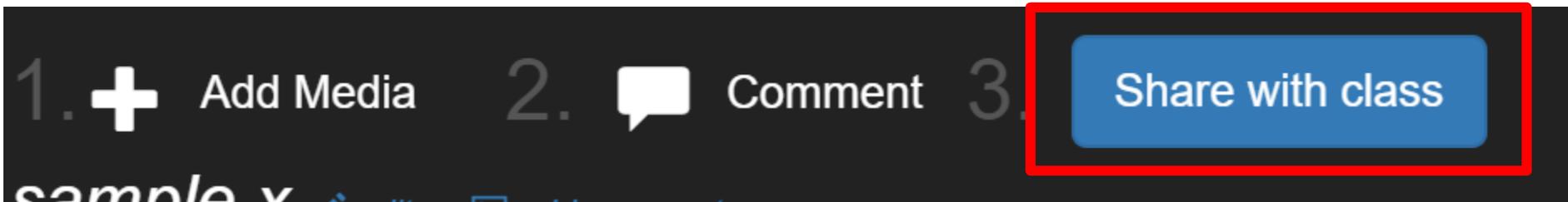
- Enable threaded commenting
- Allow commenters to add slides to this VoiceThread
- Allow others to download original media
- Allow others to export
- Start playing when opened
- Allow others to make a copy
- Enable Comment Moderation
- Automatically advance to the next slide after seconds
- Don't allow commenters to delete their own comments
- Limit each comment to minutes seconds
- When recording, go to the next slide every minutes seconds
- Pecha Kucha format
- Ignite format

Allowed Comment Methods

- Microphone
- Webcam
- Telephone
- File upload
- Text



Step 3 – Share with Class



This step is what makes this VT link to your Bb course

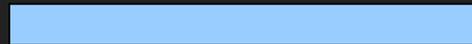


WATCH AND COMMENT ASSIGNMENTS



Watch Assignment

Select VoiceThread



Created by: Lisa Brown, VCE

July 16th, 2018

[Preview](#) [Edit](#) [Make a new copy to share](#)



Description:



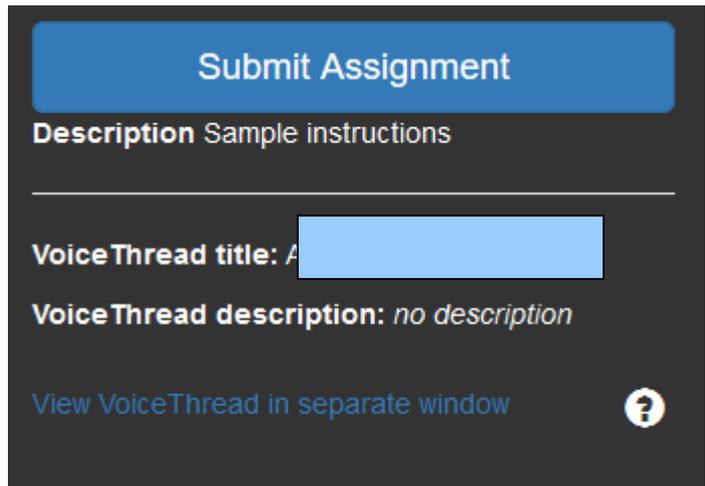
Create Assignment

and share with class

Allow students to resubmit assignment



Student View... Must Hit Submit



Submit Assignment

Description Sample instructions

VoiceThread title:

VoiceThread description: *no description*

[View VoiceThread in separate window](#) 

This assignment is auto-graded. Student earns points for watching entire VT and Submitting.

This page is asking you to confirm that you want to leave - data you have entered may not be saved.

Leave Page

Stay on Page



Comment Assignment

Select VoiceThread

Created by: Lisa Brown, VCE
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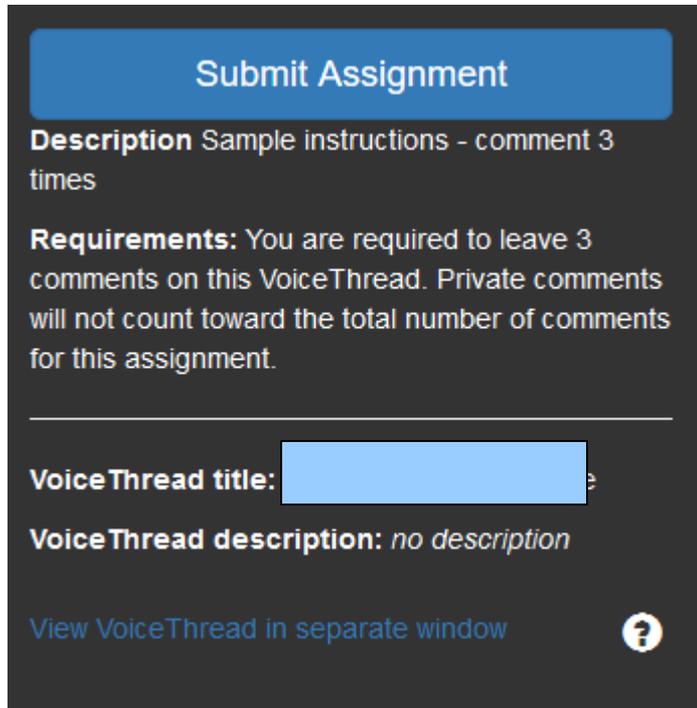
Comments required ⓘ

[Create Assignment](#)

and share with class



Student View... Must Leave Comments and Hit Submit



Submit Assignment

Description Sample instructions - comment 3 times

Requirements: You are required to leave 3 comments on this VoiceThread. Private comments will not count toward the total number of comments for this assignment.

VoiceThread title:

VoiceThread description: *no description*

[View VoiceThread in separate window](#) 

This assignment is not auto-graded. Instructor can review individual comments and grade accordingly.

There must be a minimum of 3 comments, but you have only left 2.
Please record more comments.

OK



Closed Captioning

The image shows a video player interface with a dark theme. At the top right, a control bar displays the name "Lisa Brown, VCE", a yellow "CC" icon, a full-screen icon, and a close icon. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Off", "English" (selected with a yellow dot), "On", and "Add captions...".

Below this, a larger video player window is shown. It has a title bar with "Lisa Brown, VCE" and a close icon. On the left side, there is a vertical list of four circular profile pictures. The main video area contains the text: "Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content" in yellow. At the bottom of the video player, there are icons for a trash can, a "CC" icon, and a left-pointing arrow.



Edit Captions

Request Captions

Help?

3Play Media via University of Rochester

Order

Manage Captions

 Edit captions

 Download  Remove

OK



Caption Editor



Caption Editor

Start: 00:00:01.5 End: 00:00:05.4

Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content

Start: 00:00:05.4 End: 00:00:10.0

relationships. Content is the foundation of your course, but

Start: 00:00:10.0 End: 00:00:14.1

content is important in an online

Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content

▶ 0:00 / 1:18

Save Captions



**THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?**



Evaluation

- <https://forms.gle/NaSBqVMyKHHVe1VM6>



More Workshops

<http://rochester.edu/online-learning>

- **How to Facilitate Discussions**
 - Wednesday, July 29, 12noon
- **How to Manage the Grade Center**
 - Monday, August 3, 12noon



Video Tutorials

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