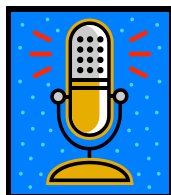


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## **Voicethread (VT)**

### ***Share Student Speech Online!***



#### **Setup**

1. Internet: open "voicethread.com"
2. Click on "Sign in or Register"
3. Follow the instructions to register

#### **Introduction**

1. Why VT? Allows for celebration of Speech Prompts
  - a. Speaking Assessment (Fluency, Ease with technical vocabulary)
  - b. Professional, slick public showcase
  - c. Easy blog embed
2. Different formats as shown on Mr. Desmond's Blog
  - a. Grade 4: speech file and image file for each student
  - b. Grade 5: speech file for each student; one teacher-selected image

#### **Begin Voicethread (VT)**

1. Make sure you are signed in
2. Click "My Voice"
3. Click on the down arrow to the right of your email
4. Click "My Identities"
5. Click "Add an Identity"
6. Type your name and select an image, click save, click done.
7. Click "Create"
8. Click "Upload"

#### **Make a VT Folder to save images and speech recordings**

- Make a VT Folder on a USB, desktop, or a network drive. You will save your VT images and speech recordings there. For example:
  - a. Click "Start"
  - b. Click "My Computer"
  - c. Open desired location (USB, Desktop, etc.) and make a new folder called Voicethread

### **Images (from Google Images)**

1. Open Internet to "www.google.com"
2. Click "Images"
3. Search for a picture of your favorite city
4. Click on your favorite picture (*make sure it says "jpg" next to size description below the picture*)
5. Click "see full size image"
6. Right click on full size image
  - a. Click "Save Image As"
  - b. Save to VT Folder as "name.jpg"

### **Recordings (PC = Sound Recorder; Mac = Garage Band)**

#### **❖ Scripts**

- Sample VT for this workshop: "Because (favorite city name) has many residents from around the world, you can find numerous types of restaurants there."
- Structure words, content vocabulary
- See attached script templates

### **Sound Recorder (PC)**

1. Click:
  - a. "Start"
  - b. "All Programs"
  - c. "Accessories"
  - d. "Entertainment"
  - e. "Sound Recorder"
2. Click red dot and make a test recording, play with switch on headset, check volume and mute buttons on desktop, etc.
3. Click:
  - a. "File"
  - b. "New"
  - c. "No"
4. Click red dot, record
5. Stop and save to your VT folder

### **Garage Band (Mac)**

1. Click "Garage Band"
2. Click "File", "New"
3. Click "Podcast"
4. Click "Choose"
5. Type in name of speech recording and change "Where" to your VT folder
6. Click "Create"
7. Click on Male or Female Voice Track on left hand side of screen
8. Click red dot and record your speech
9. Click on spacebar to stop
10. Click "Share" in drop down menu at top
11. Click "Send Podcast to iTunes" ; then click "Share"
12. Right click (control+click) on the iTunes file and select "Show in Finder"
13. Click on file name to rename
14. Right click on the renamed file and copy it
15. Paste the audio file into your VT folder

### **Make a Voicethread (VT)**

1. Open Internet to "voicethread.com"
2. Sign in, click "Create" tab
3. Click "Upload"
4. Click "My Computer" and upload your image from saved location
5. Click "Add Title and Description" and type in title, description, tags and click save
6. Click "Comment"
7. Make sure your picture is showing
8. Click "comment" oval below image
9. Click up arrow
10. Load comment from VT folder (can take some time!)
11. Click "Publishing Options" on bottom of page
12. Click all 4 boxes
13. Click "Save"

### **Embed into Your Blog (Directions for WordPress Blog)**

1. Go to the last slide in your VT
2. Click "Embed"
3. Click "Copy" (Note – don't click "Copy This")
4. Open new Internet window and go to your blog
5. Log in and go to Dashboard
6. Click "Post: Add New"
7. Type in title
8. Click on HTML tab (change from Visual tab)
9. Paste the code that you just copied
10. Click Publish
11. Click Plugins
  1. Activate 3 items:
    - a. Embed It
    - b. Unfiltered MU
    - c. Voice Thread
12. Click "Visit Site" and your VT should work on your blog!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Voicethread**  
***Am I Reading a Just Right Book?***

**Sentence Starters (choose one to begin your script!)**

- “In order to know I have a just right book I need to be able to...”
- “Since my book is just right, I can...”
- “Because my book is just right I am able to...”
- “When I have a just right book I can...”
- “If I have a just right book then I can...”

Start recording and read your script below:

**Script**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Voicethread Recording Template**  
***4<sup>th</sup> Grade Small Moment Project***

Start Recording

“My small moment...”

Pause

“The characters...”

Pause

Pause

“The setting...”

Pause

(Show statement)

Pause

(Use function words!) “I learned ...”

Stop. You're done!!