VOICETHREAD

A TOOL FOR HAVING CONVERSATIONS AROUND MEDIA

- Once you register an account, upgrade to K-12 single teacher account by going to MyAccount in the pull down menu by your email address.

- Browse Tab—look at Voicethreads created by others

- Create Tab—create your own Voicethread

- My Voice Tab—all your Voicethreads are saved here

- Click on Create ⟶ Upload (save all pictures for presentation in a folder on your computer first) ⟶ Click on My Computer and upload all pictures for presentation (you may insert titles if you'd like)

- Once all pictures have been uploaded, you can order them any way you wish by simply clicking on them and dragging into position

- Click on your first picture and then Comment

- You will use a microphone to record your message or you can type in the message. If you are recording click on Record. It will play back for you. If satisfied click Save, if not Cancel and record again.

- Each person taking part in the Voicethread will need an identity. You can upload pictures, etc to your computer before beginning the thread. I suggest not using photos of your students. Voicethread is a free tool and therefore when saving will be on the web for a time period. Use picture icons for the students

- You will see the icon of the student who is adding a thread on the left hand side. To change the identity, simply click on the icon and create a new identity for each new person.

- Each new person posting a thread will have to click on his/her identity first before typing or recording.

- There are different ways to share Voicethread. A link will be provided to you so you can share with parents, etc. Voicethread will remain on web for a time if you make it public.

- If it is just for your class to see, you can keep it private.

Some suggestions:

- Have students create a Voicethread under your account. Do not have them create their own.

- Look for public domain sites for pictures, etc. (recommend: http://commons.wikimedia.org)

- Have students prepare what they are going to say or type ahead of time. Good writing practice.

- You can use sentence starters to shape your thoughts and comments while viewing Voicethread

- On Voicethread homepage you can click on Learn More for more in depth directions

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