

This I Believe - Finishing Up

If your essay is complete and your VoiceThread is recorded, you are ready to FINISH UP. Follow the steps below.

1. Publish your essay and VoiceThread to the class **BLOGGER**.

- a. Go to Blogger (Google App accessed through Gmail or Drive)
- b. Open the classroom blog and create a new post.
- c. Name your Post - "Title of Essay" by Your Name
- d. Embed your VoiceThread at the top by following these steps.
 - i. Switch to "HTML" mode in Blogger.
 - ii. Copy embed link from Share area on VoiceThread.
 - iii. Paste the embed link onto blog post.
 - iv. Switch back to "Compose" mode.
- e. Paste the text of your essay below the VoiceThread & include the title.
- f. Click Publish, and you will have published your essay to the class!

2. Assess your essay and VoiceThread & **TURN IT IN!** (2 parts)

Part 1

- a. On your Google Doc, copy and paste the rubric (from box below) under your essay.
- b. Use the Comment feature to give yourself a score for each rubric item. Use the 4321 scale with .5 increments.
- c. Choose three of the items to write a short explanation of why you scored yourself the way you did.

The "This I Believe" Rubric

In THE ESSAY, the writer:

- A. Expresses a personal belief (rather than expressing "un-beliefs" or attacking other peoples' beliefs).
- B. Develops the topic with relevant stories, experiences, details, quotes, or other info. and examples. CC
- C. Provides an introduction that engages and orients the audience. CC
- D. Provides an engaging conclusion that follows from and reflects on the stories and ideas presented. CC
- E. Writes an essay that entices the audience to think about ideas and/or beliefs (it "packs a punch").
- F. Writes in a style and tone appropriate to "This I Believe"
- G. Includes an engaging and relevant title.

In THE VISUAL, the creator:

- H. Uses technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
- I. Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
- J. Uses adequate pronunciation & an appropriate and engaging tone.

Part 2

- a. **Submit your essay & input the scores** from your rubric into this [Google Form](#).
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3. **Consider publishing your “This I Believe” essay on the official thisibelieve.org website. Before you do, there are some things you’ll need to consider.**
 - a. You will need to submit your essay with a parent/guardian present.
 - b. If your essay surpasses 500 words, you will need to shorten it.
 - c. You will want to read the [Submission Guidelines](#).
 - d. You will want to read the [Submission Agreement](#).
 - e. Then, start the [Submission Process](#).