



What is VoiceThread?

VoiceThread is a tool that allows you to upload media, record narration, and post/receive comments. It is very easy to use within Canvas and team presentations can be delivered through this tool. VoiceThread also allows for asynchronous collaboration, making it a valuable tool for team projects. *(Based on guidelines created by Maryland Smith faculty member Mary Beth Furst, Ed.D, MBA.)*

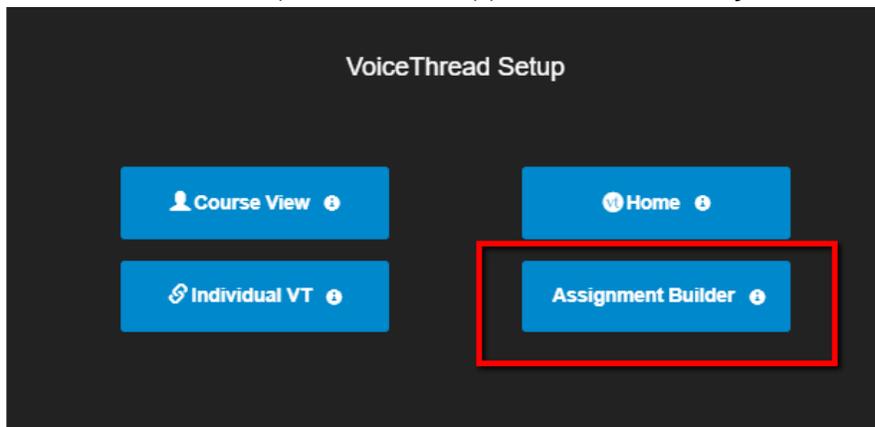
Getting Started with VoiceThread

First, set up an assignment in Canvas using Voicethread.

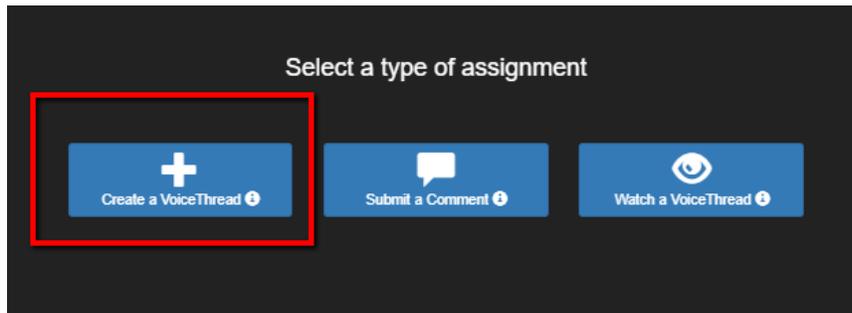
- Create the assignment. Set the submission type to **external tool**. Search for Voicethread. Click save.

The screenshot shows the Canvas 'Assignments' page for an assignment titled 'Team Project Oral Presentation'. The 'Submission Type' dropdown is set to 'External Tool'. Below this, the 'External Tool Options' section is visible, with the URL 'https://umd.voicethread.com/stone/' entered and the 'Find' button clicked. The 'Load This Tool In A New Tab' checkbox is checked. The 'Points' field is set to 100, and the 'Assignment Group' is 'Team Project'. The 'Display Grade as' dropdown is set to 'Points'. A red box highlights the 'Submission Type' dropdown and the 'External Tool Options' section.

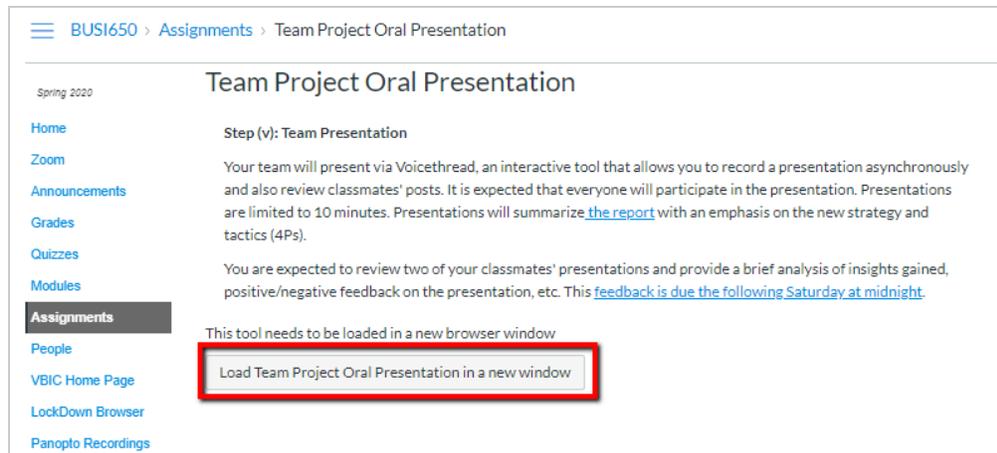
- The VoiceThread setup window will appear. Click on **Assignment Builder**.



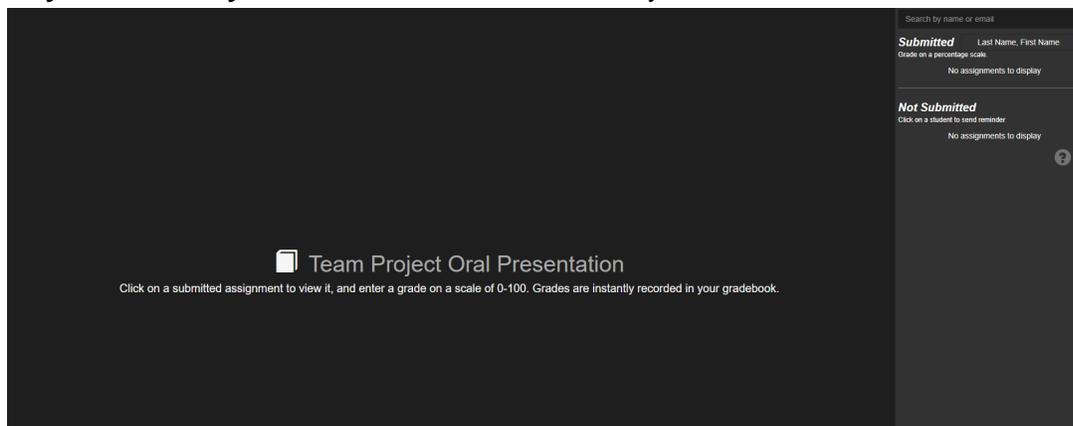
- A drop-down menu will appear stating “select a type of assignment”, click on “Create a VoiceThread”



- When you return to the assignment, a button labeled “load team project presentation in new window” will appear.



- To grade the assignment, click on “Load Team Project Oral Presentation” in a new window.



- You will have to grade everyone as an individual, even though they are assigned to a team.

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