

Creating a VoiceThread

Okay, those are great examples, now let's take a quick look at how you create a VoiceThread. So you are just gonna come up here and click on the "Create" tab. And the first thing you'll want to do is come down here and click on upload, and here are all the different options for bringing media into your VoiceThread. You can select your computer to upload files from, you can enter in the web address of a media file, this is not the webpage but the actual address of a piece of media and we'll bring that into your VoiceThread. You can use your webcam to record media video directly into the center of a VoiceThread, and you can also use this to take pictures, and you can use this sort of as a lightweight document scanner so if you have a picture, you just hold it up and take quick picture and it'll enter that into your VoiceThread. And then lastly, there are a couple of media sources that you can choose from, and I'll show you a couple of these. So here they are, I'm going to select the New York Public Library, and here's a description of this resource but then here's how you get into it. So I'll click that. Okay. And here on the left hand side are all the different sub-collections, and I'll just choose one of them, and so here are all the images and you can scroll through them, and when you find one you just click on it. I'll select a couple here and then come up and click import. And then we're going to bring those files into your VoiceThread directly from the New York Public Library's database. And after we've done that you can click close here, and you can see the images are here and something really neat about this is, let me open up the VoiceThread itself, and you'll see, not only did we bring the image in, but we also added a title automatically, and that title is also a link back to the New York Public Library's website where the image was actually taken from. So attribution of the media is automatic.

Okay, so let me go back to editing. So here are the two images that I brought in, and you can just click on these to reorder them. To change the order of them. And if you want to edit anything about that image you can come over here and this is the preview, and you can rotate the image, you can replace it with a different image, you can add a title over here, and you can delete it right here. So we have our media inside the VoiceThread, so usually the next step is to comment on it. So I click comment, it opens up the VoiceThread, I can make whatever comments I want. I could always save this for later and do commenting later.