

VoiceThread (VT) as a Tool for Assessment

- **Private VoiceThreads - Student Submission:** One option is for the student's to share the VoiceThread directly with only the faculty & TA (and not the entire class). [Sharing a VoiceThread with an individual](#) sends the VT link (URL) in an email from VoiceThread to the faculty & TA.
- **Private or Shared VoiceThreads - Student Submission:** If the student gets a ["share link"](#) to their VoiceThread, this share link could be emailed to the faculty or placed in CoursePlus tool. In CoursePlus, students could copy and paste the link into the course:
 - as an answer to an essay question in a [Quiz](#) (private);
 - as a post in a [Discussion Forum](#) (visible to other students by default);
 - as a contribution to a [wiki](#) (visible to other students by default); or
 - inside a document's text uploaded to a [Drop Box](#) (private).
- **Faculty Evaluation of VoiceThreads:** Faculty and TA can grade a VoiceThread with feedback in a number of ways.
 - Private VoiceThreads - Feedback could be left as a comments on the VT itself.
 - Private or Shared VoiceThreads - Faculty can email each student individually (from CoursePlus), with the feedback and, optionally, an attached completed rubric.
 - Private or Shared VoiceThreads - Faculty can create a [Quiz](#) with a single, open-ended (essay) question that requests the "share link" (URL) of the student's VoiceThread. Faculty can provide an evaluation and feedback when grading ("Responses and Grades") the individual students.

*When setting up the quiz, make certain to go into the **Results options for the Quiz Setup and select "Email all correct answers"** so that students will get the faculty feedback as a part of their emailed communication. The Results email can be sent to the students after grading is complete.*
 - Private or Shared VoiceThreads - Faculty can respond inside [private Discussion Forums](#) with feedback. This may be particularly useful for group VoiceThread assignments, where the students are asked to post their "share link" as a post in their group's private forum.
 - Private or Shared VoiceThreads - Faculty can [link a Discussion Forum post to the Gradebook](#), providing feedback in the item's grade and comments section. (A completed rubric can be uploaded by faculty as part of the grading process.)

- Private or Shared VoiceThreads - Faculty can link a [Drop Box](#) assignment to [their Gradebook](#). The Drop Box assignment will already be set up with instructions to submit a text or other document that has the "share link" (URL) of the student's VoiceThread. Feedback can be provided in the item's grade and comments section.
- Private or Shared VoiceThreads - Faculty can select "**Create Graded Item**" in their Gradebook to have a "stand-alone" option that doesn't link (or pull from) any other CoursePlus tool. As long as the faculty has received the student's VoiceThread share link elsewhere (e.g., email, wiki, etc.), they can provide a grade and feedback, along with the completed rubric, when entering grades.
- **Peer Evaluation of Shared VoiceThreads:** If you are considering peer assessment, please first review our [Overview of Peer Assessment](#). A **rubric** for the peer assessment could be **uploaded to the Online Library**. And presuming the VoiceThreads are shared and/or a "share link" (URL) is available, peer evaluation could be considered by:
 - allowing comments (visible to others) on the VoiceThread directly
 - allowing posts in an open Discussion Forum, where perhaps each student is required to post their VoiceThread link inside a topic before replying with feedback (visible to others) to a certain number of their classmates' posts;
 - setting up one wiki for the entire class or group wikis where students share their VoiceThread link and provide constructive feedback (visible to others);
 - creating a Drop Box where completed rubrics (private) could be uploaded. Make clear your expectations of how many or which VoiceThreads each student should be reviewing and also include a spot in the rubric that identifies the individual whose project is being reviewed.