



Completing a Graded VoiceThread Assignment

This guide walks you through completing a graded VoiceThread in your D2L Course. Also check out [Commenting on a VoiceThread](#) guide.

Before you get started, note:

- VoiceThread is **fully supported** in **Chrome** and **Firefox** web browsers. For the best experience, keep your web browser up-to-date.
- VoiceThread can be viewed, but audio and video cannot currently be recorded with Safari or Edge web browsers. (The **new Chromium version of Edge** allows you to record audio and video.)
- VoiceThread offers a [mobile app](#). You'll select **Colorado Mesa University D2L** and use your **MAVzone credentials** to log in once the app is installed. You will be able to access D2L via the VoiceThread app as well.
- Users with visual impairments who need accommodations may switch to [VoiceThread Universal](#) from their accounts.
- Check out [VoiceThread's Troubleshooting documentation](#) for more details.

For more information from the NEW Graded Assignments experience, check out the [New Assignment Student Guide](#) from VoiceThread.

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Tutorial Videos

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Graded VoiceThread Options

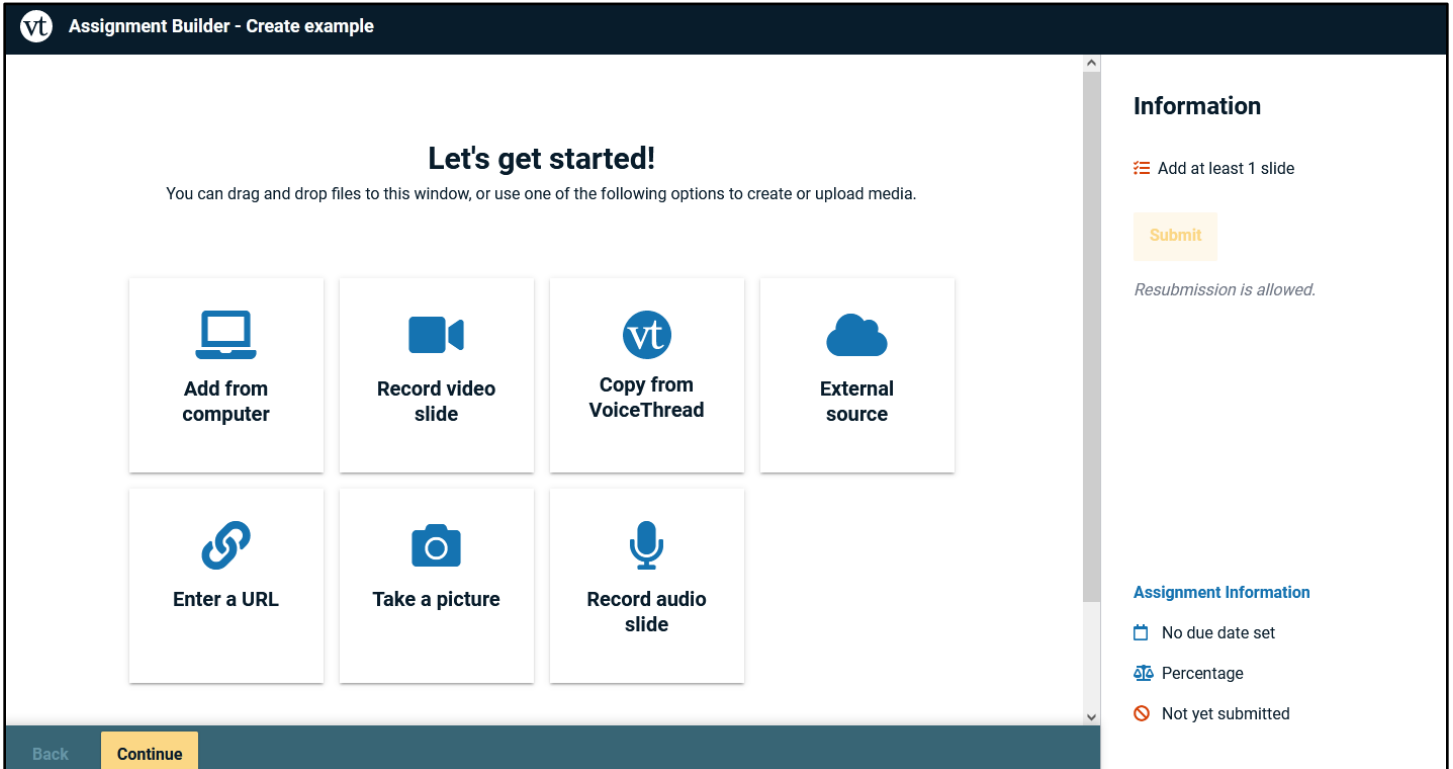
There are three graded options: **Create, Comment, and Watch.**

Create

This type of assignment may be used for presentations, portfolios, demonstrations, etc. **Authentic assessments**, where you demonstrate skills, is another use. Writing, design, photography, etc. **portfolio-style** assignments, where progression is shown over time, may be created with this type of assignment. **Formative assessments** may also be created, where your instructor gives written or media feedback, as well as using the **Doodle** tool for annotations.

Your instructor may have you do **peer review** work. You and your peers can add slides, get feedback, and then upload revisions.

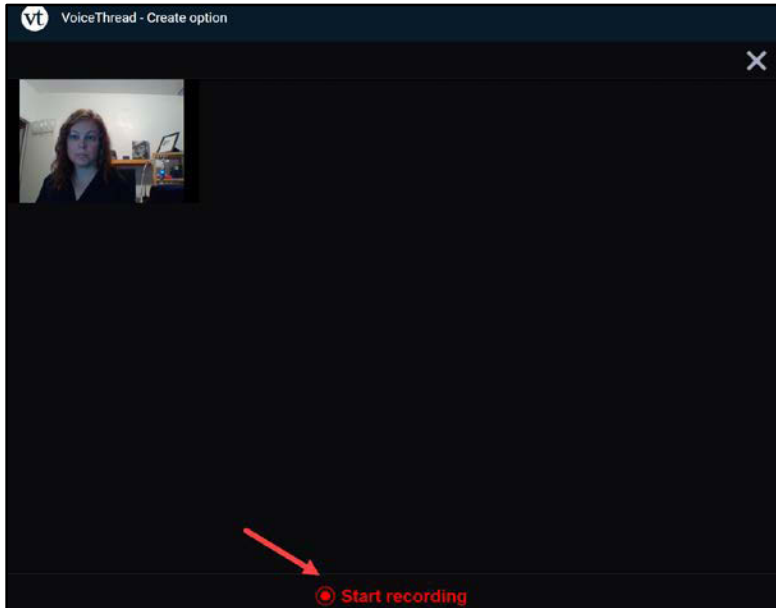
Here's an example of what you may see for a **Create new VoiceThread** assignment: **Information** about the assignment – **instructions** (such as upload media, and number of comments to record), **due date** (if set), **grade type** (% or points), and whether you have **submitted** an assignment or not.



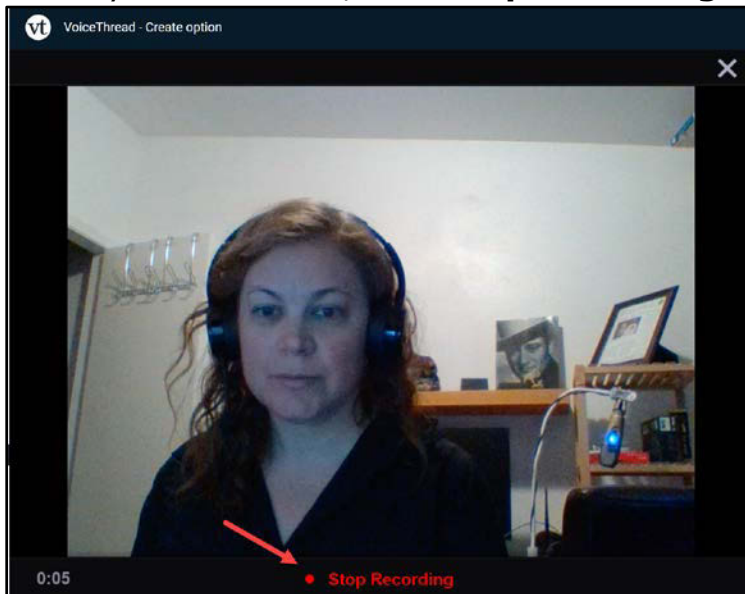
The screenshot shows the 'Assignment Builder - Create example' interface. The main content area is titled 'Let's get started!' and includes the instruction: 'You can drag and drop files to this window, or use one of the following options to create or upload media.' There are seven media options: 'Add from computer', 'Record video slide', 'Copy from VoiceThread', 'External source', 'Enter a URL', 'Take a picture', and 'Record audio slide'. The right sidebar contains 'Information' with a 'Submit' button and 'Assignment Information' with three status indicators: 'No due date set', 'Percentage', and 'Not yet submitted'.

1. In **Let's get started!**, select how you wish to add your media: **Add from computer**, **Record video slide**, **Copy from VoiceThread**, **External source (Flickr, Google Drive, or New York Public Library)**, **Enter a URL**, **Take a picture**, or **Record audio slide**. You also have the option to use an existing VoiceThread instead of creating a new one. (You may need to scroll to the bottom of the screen to access this option.)
2. If you select the option to **Record video slide**, **Take a picture**, or **Record audio slide**, you will probably need to grant your browser permission to access your **webcam** and/or **microphone**. (We'll use the Record video slide for this example. If you select one of other media options, just follow the prompts from VoiceThread.)

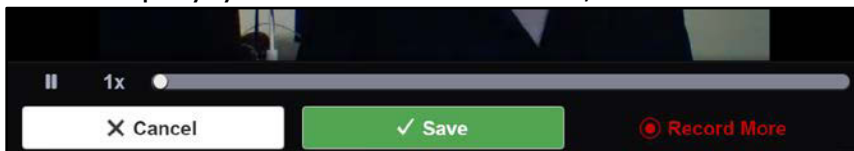
3. When you're ready to record, click **Start Recording**.



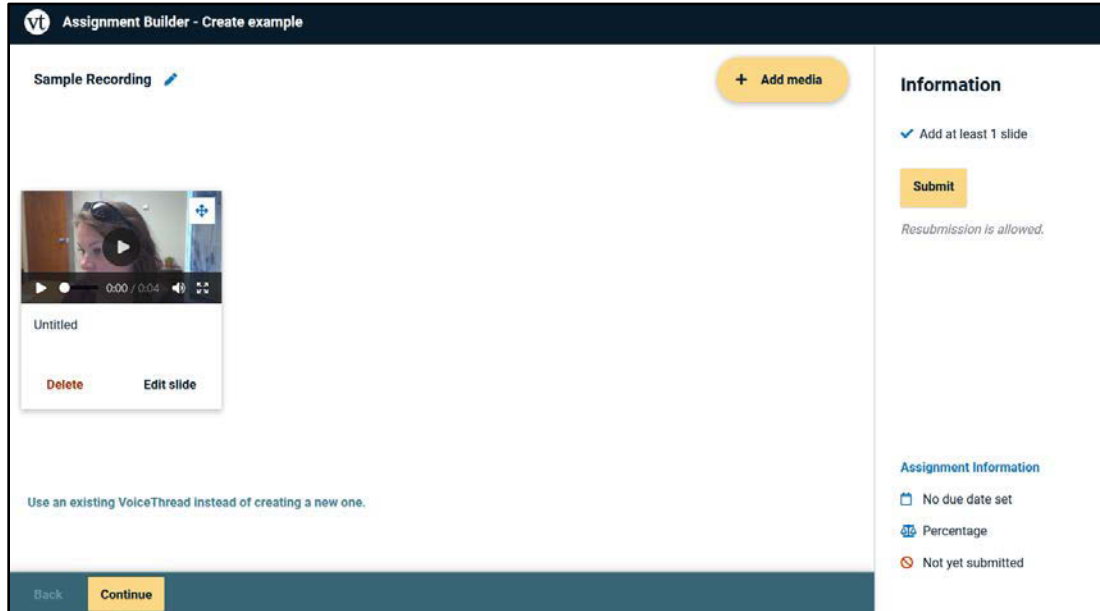
4. When you're finished, click **Stop Recording**.



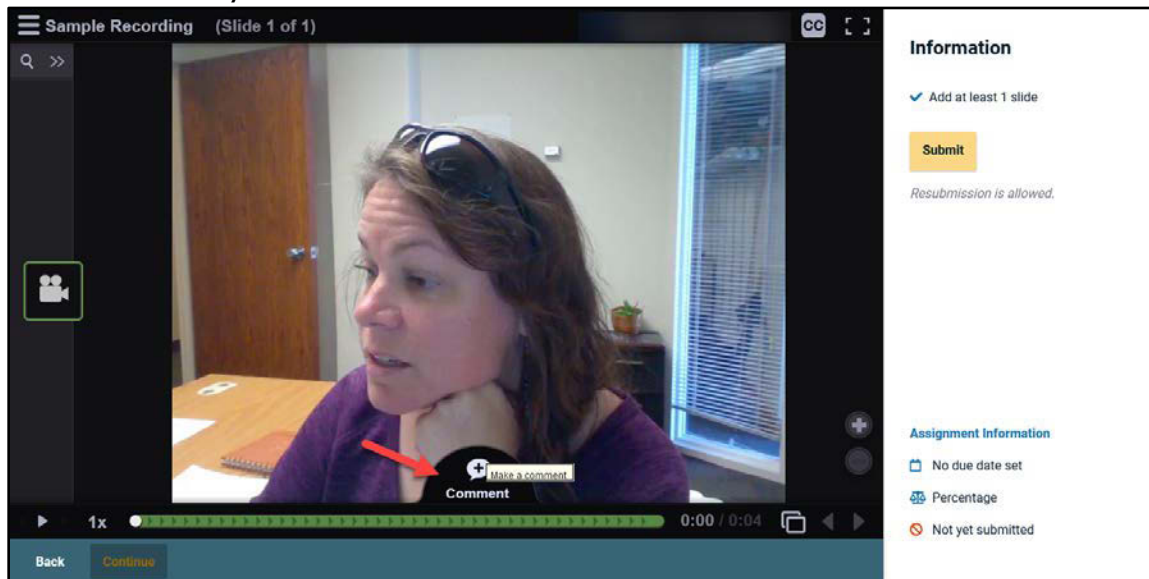
5. You can play your video to review it, and then **Cancel**, **Save**, or **Record More**.



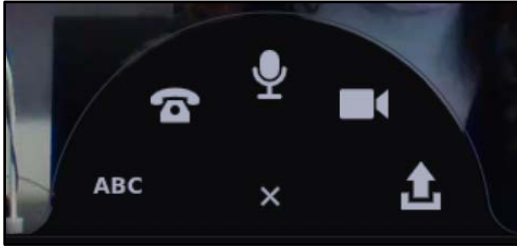
6. Edit the **title** of your media. You may also **edit** or **delete** the slide you created, **add more media**, etc. Once you're finished adding media, click **Continue**.



7. If your assignment instructions include recording comment(s), click on the + button below your slide media to make a comment.

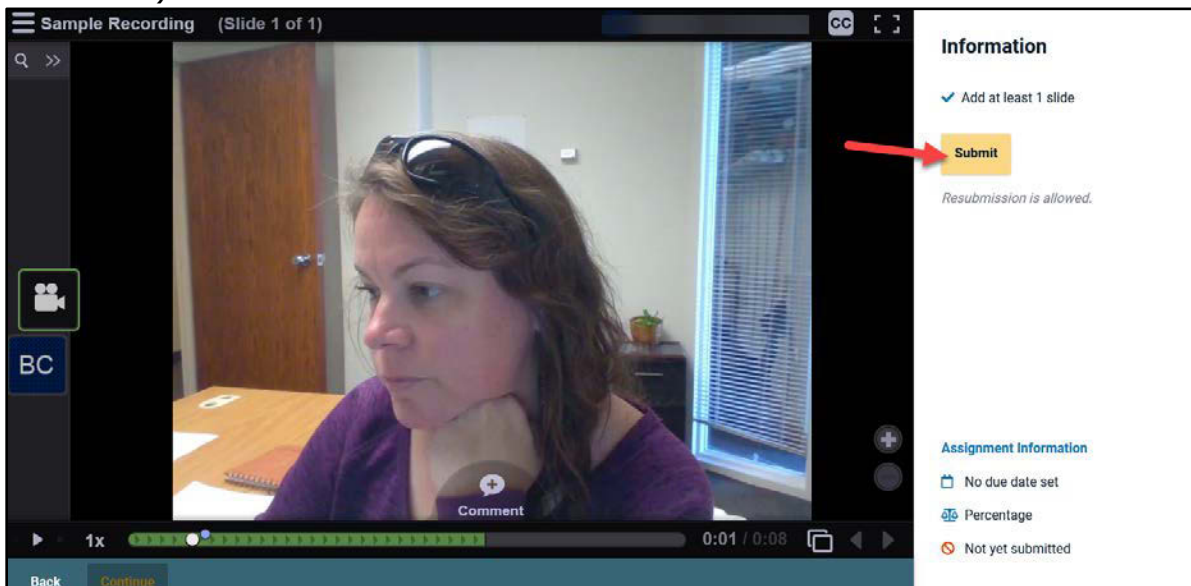


8. This gives you the option to add **Text**, **Telephone** (audio), **Microphone** (audio), **Webcam** (video), or **Upload** comments. (Please note: Your instructor may have limited your commenting options to certain types.)

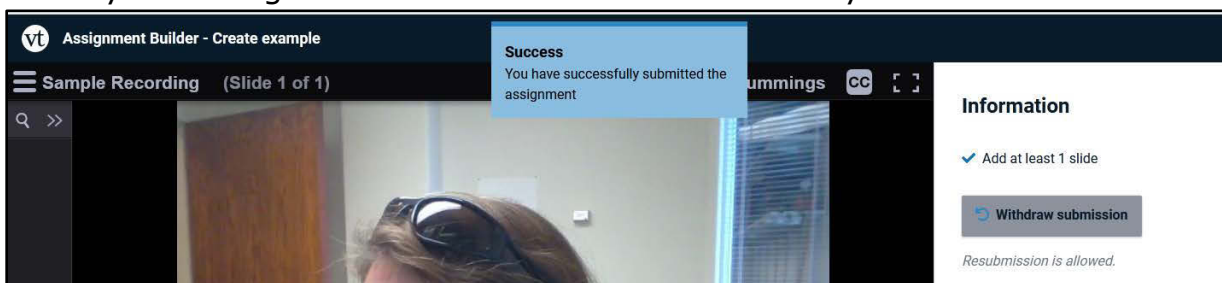


For more details on commenting, check out our [Commenting on a VoiceThread guide](#).

9. Once you've made your comment(s), be sure to save them. Then, you may click **Submit**. (VoiceThread will have a note from your instructor if **Resubmission is allowed**.)



10. You'll receive a **Success** message. And, you'll have the option to **Withdraw submission** if your instructor allowed it. If you need to edit your submission, make your changes and then click **Resubmit** when you are finished.



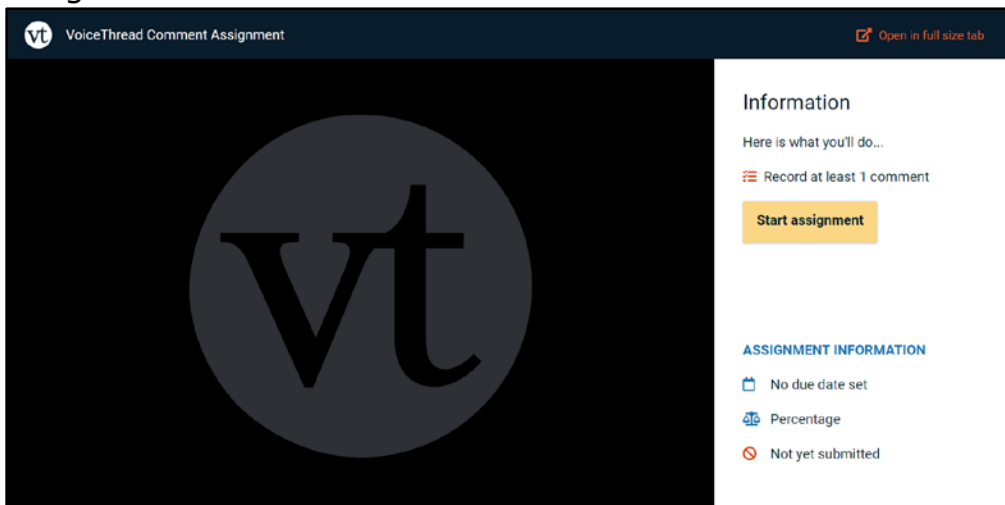
11. You'll also see your **submission date & time** and whether your instructor has **graded** your assignment yet.

Comment

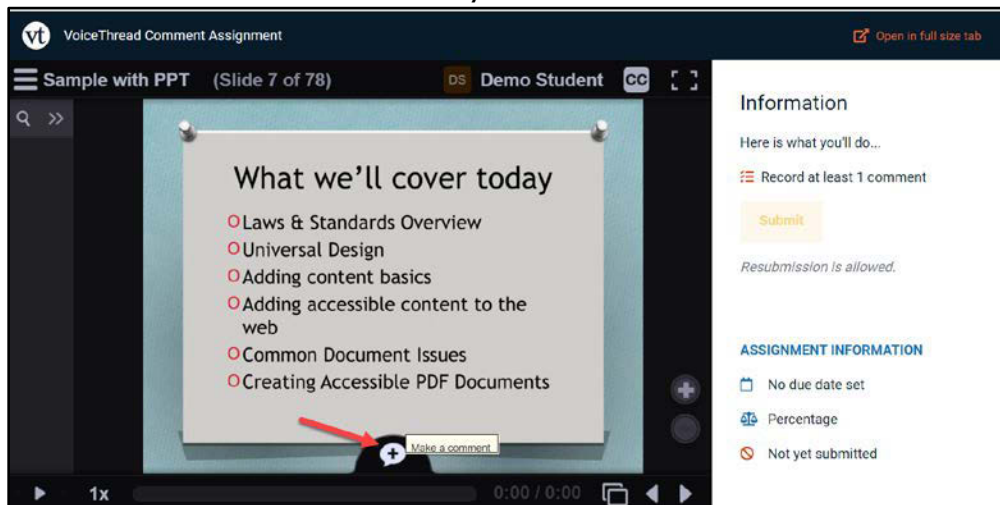
The **Submit a Comment** assignment may be used by your instructor if you are expected to add a slide to your instructor's VoiceThread presentation.

Another use of the Comment option is **quizzing**. Your instructor may add the number of comments required based on the number of quiz questions in the VoiceThread. An oral quiz for a language course may be a good use of this type of quiz. You may even use the **Doodle** tool to label a diagram.

Here's an example of what you may see for a **Submit a Comment** assignment: **Information** about the assignment – **instructions** (number of comments to record), **due date** (if set), **grade type** (% or points), and whether you have **submitted** an assignment or not.

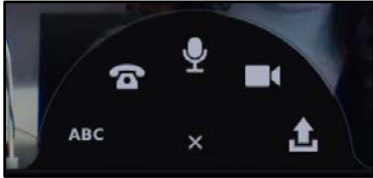


1. Click the **Start assignment** button.
2. Click on the **+** button below your slide media to make a comment.

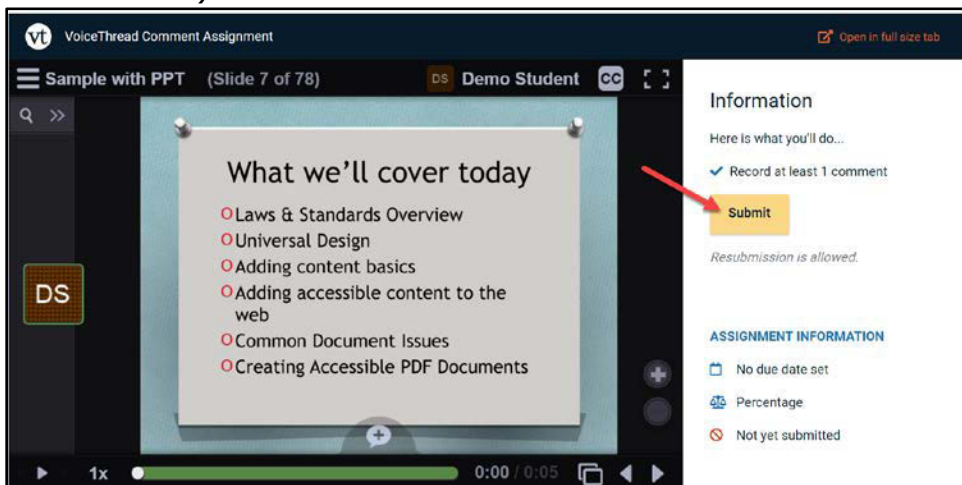


(Repeat for additional comments, as required by your instructor.)

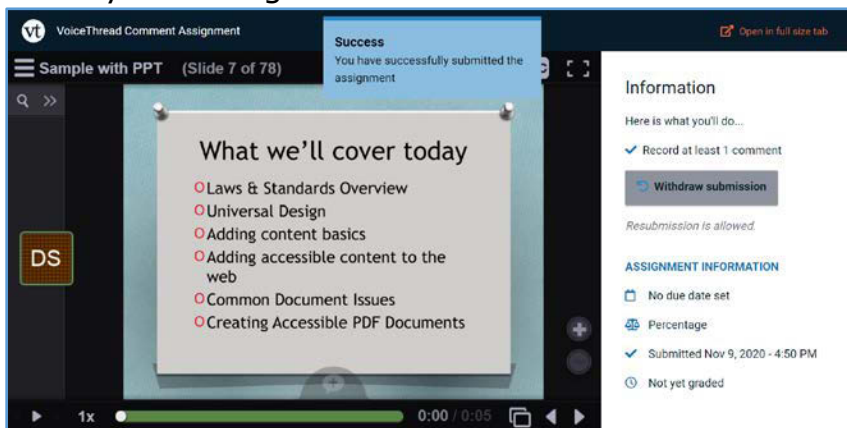
3. This gives you the option to add **Text**, **Telephone** (audio), **Microphone** (audio), **Webcam** (video), or **Upload** comments. (Please note: Your instructor may have limited your commenting options to certain types.) For more details on commenting, check out our [Commenting on a VoiceThread guide](#).



Once you add the appropriate number of comments, you may click **Submit Assignment**. Note: You need to make the exact or minimum number of comments assigned by your instructor before you are able to submit the assignment. (VoiceThread will have a note from your instructor if **Resubmission is allowed**.)



4. You'll receive a **Success** message. And, you'll have the option to **Withdraw submission** if your instructor allowed it. If you need to edit your submission, make your changes and then click **Resubmit** when you are finished.

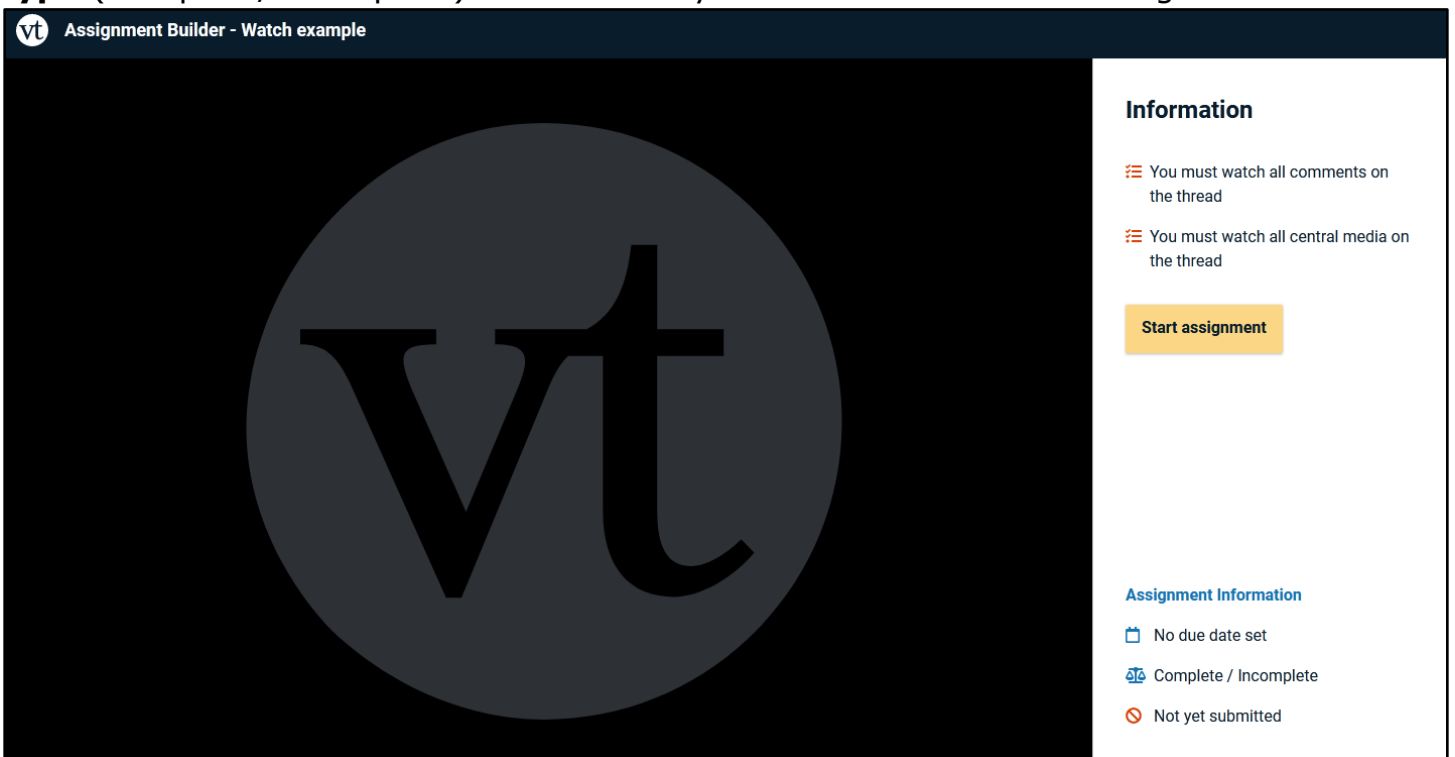


5. You'll also see your **submission date & time** and whether your instructor has **graded** your assignment yet.

Watch

The **Watch a VoiceThread** option is designed more for passive watching, rather than slides with peer comments. Otherwise, VT will make you listen to all associated comments. Note: You will not be allowed to submit the assignment until 100% of all slides and comments have been played.

Here's an example of what you may see for a **Watch a VoiceThread** assignment: **Information** about the assignment – **You must watch all comments on the thread** and **You must watch all central media on the thread, due date** (if set), **grade type** (Complete/Incomplete) and whether you have **submitted** an assignment or not.



vt Assignment Builder - Watch example

Information

- You must watch all comments on the thread
- You must watch all central media on the thread

Start assignment

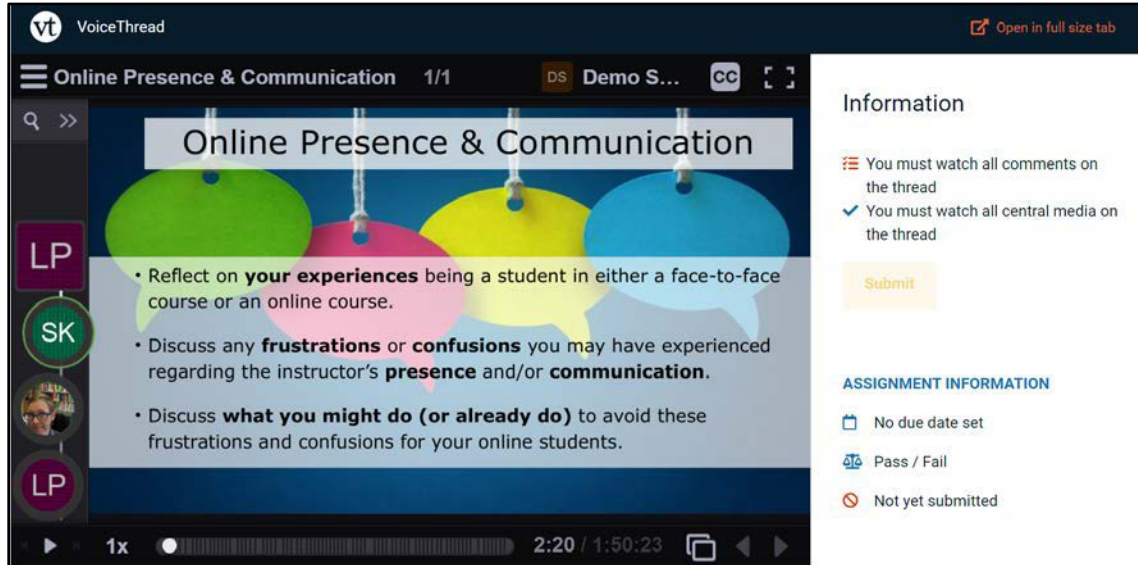
Assignment Information

- No due date set
- Complete / Incomplete
- Not yet submitted

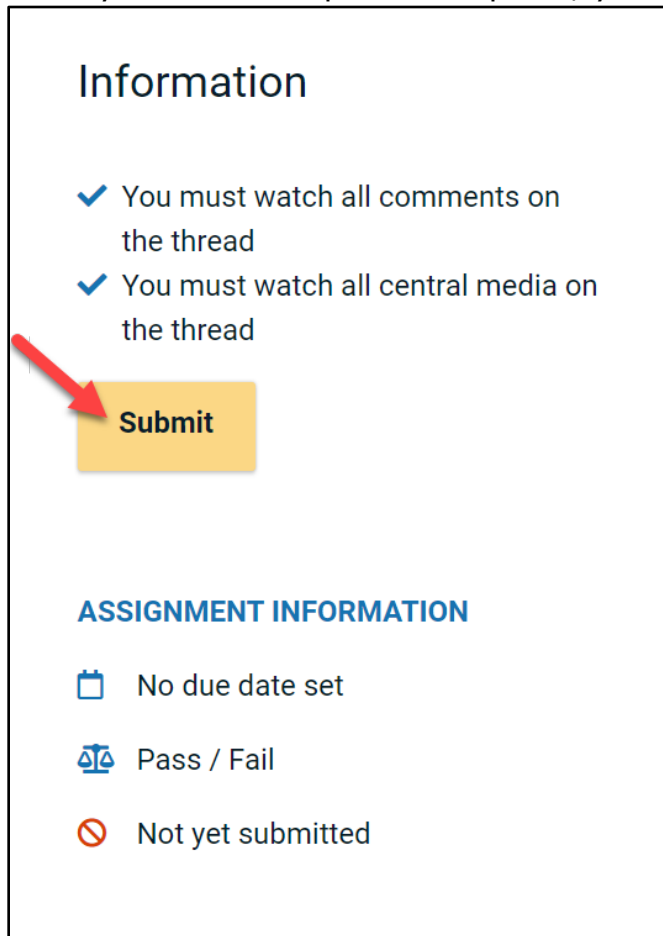
1. Click the **Start assignment** button.
2. Click the **play** (forward triangle) icon to start watching/listening/reading.



3. You will have a status update as to whether you have completed parts of the viewing:



4. Once you have completed **all** parts, you will be able to click **Submit**.



5. You'll receive a **Success** message and see the date you submitted the Watch assignment. These are automatically graded as **complete/incomplete**, so you will also see your submission was **Graded**. (You will be able to go back and watch the VoiceThread in part or full again if you wish.)

Information

- ✓ You must watch all comments on the thread
- ✓ You must watch all central media on the thread

You have already submitted this assignment

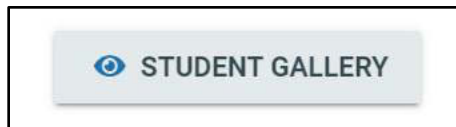
ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

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- ✓ Submitted Nov 10, 2020 - 1:35 PM
- 📝 Graded

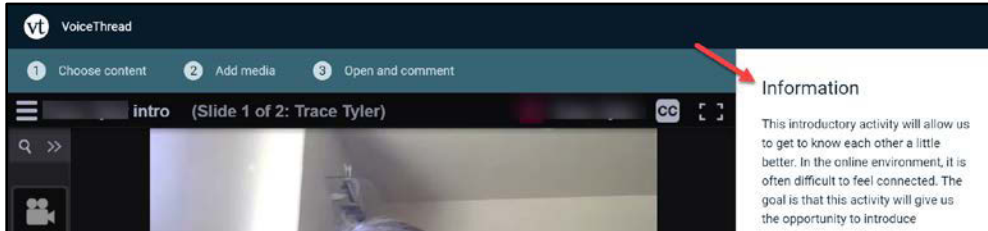
Peer Reviews and Other Comments

Your instructor may instruct you to complete a peer review (or comment) on a classmate's VoiceThread. If this is the case, follow these steps to submit a comment/review for a classmate's video.

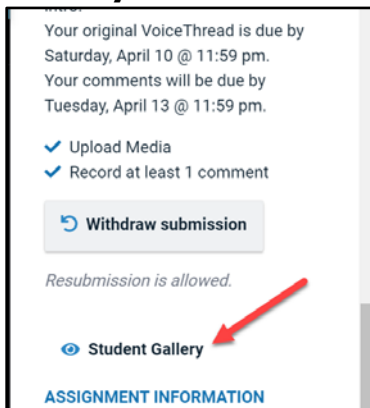
1. Navigate to the applicable VoiceThread link.
2. Click on the **Student Gallery** button to access your classmates' VoiceThreads.



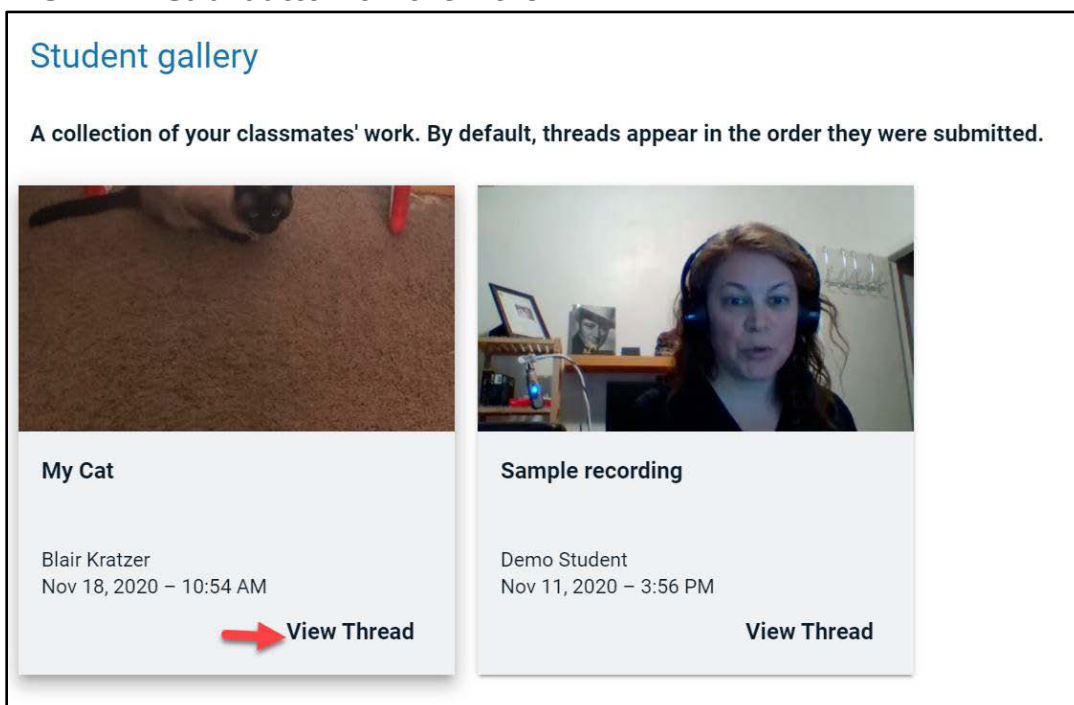
Note: Depending on the type of assignment, you may need to go back to your submission to access the gallery. In your submission, go to the **Information** area on the right.



Then, scroll most of the way down. Here you will be able to access the **Student Gallery** button.

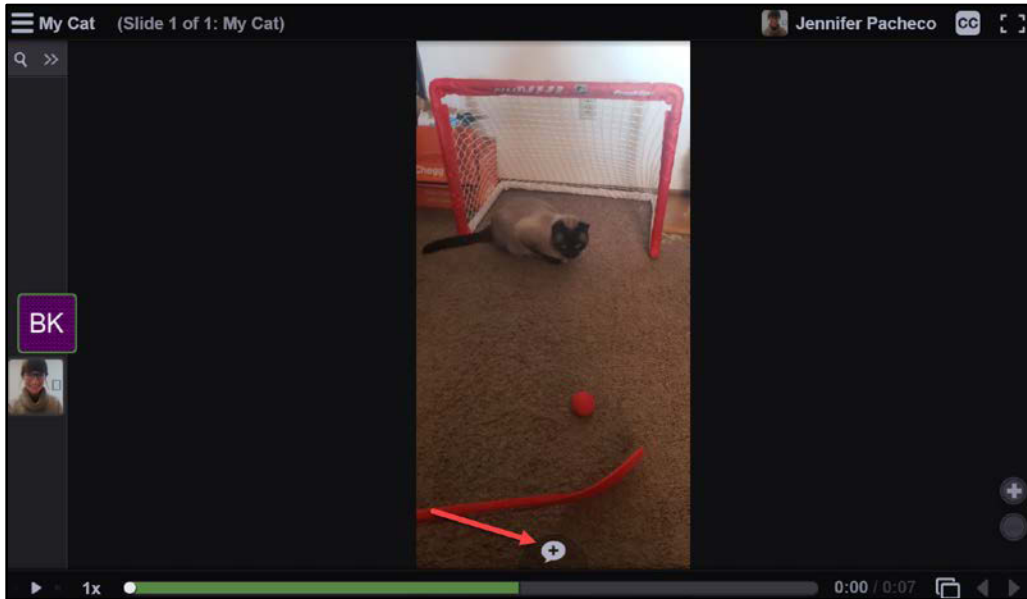


- In **Student Gallery**, navigate to the classmate you are to review and click the **View Thread** button on their tile.

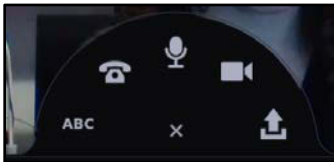


- View your classmate's video.

5. Click on **Make a Comment** (the + icon at the bottom of the screen).



6. Select the **type** of comment you wish to use for your review and record/type/upload your comment/review. (Your instructor may have included instructions to use a specific type of comment, so follow the instructions provided by your instructor.)



7. Repeat the process for additional peer reviews/comments if your instructor directs you.

Note: You will be able to view/listen to classmates' reviews, too.

